NARUTO

SHONEN JUMP MANGA

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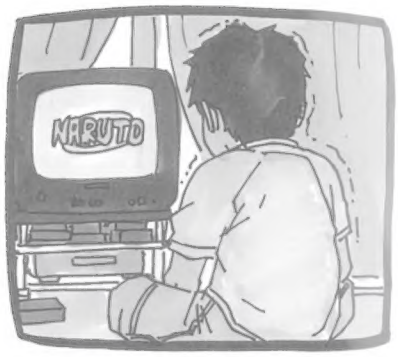

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Thanks to everyone's support, *Naruto* has finally become an animated series!

I wrote in the first manga volume, "The first time I won an award...I was so happy." And when my first comic book was published, I was 10 times happier still.

But the anime makes me 100 times happier! So please watch the *Naruto* anime *and* keep reading the manga.

Oh! But I guess I'm happiest knowing that people are still enjoying *Naruto*. Yup, that's it!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2002

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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THEY'RE WHAT...?

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N-NO! THOSE ARE...?!

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AH... IT'S YOU...

YOU'VE AGED, SARUTOBI...

LONG TIME NO SEE... SARU...

HE SUMMONED THEM... BUT WHO ARE THEY?!

THIS IS... NOT GOOD...

PLEASE PREPARE YOUR-SELVES...

I AM SO SORRY...

I NEVER IMAGINED I WOULD SEE YOU TWO AGAIN. AND UNDER SUCH CIRCUM-STANCES...

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FIRST HOKAGE! SECOND HOKAGE!!

THE RAVEN-HAIRED ONE IS THE FIRST HOKAGE, AND THE WHITE-HAIRED ONE THE SECOND HOKAGE. BOTH FAMED AS THE ULTIMATE SHINOBI, THEY'RE THE HOKAGE WHO CREATED AND SHAPED KONOHA INTO WHAT IT IS...!

THAT'S RIGHT!

HUH?!!

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WHICH MEANS, SARUTOBI...

...WE MUST FIGHT YOU...

AND THAT STRIPLING OVER THERE IS THE ONE WHO SUMMONED US WITH THE FORBIDDEN JUTSU? IMPRESSIVE ...

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REANI-MATION, EH...?

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WHY DON'T WE GET STARTED?

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ENOUGH WITH THE OLD FOLKS' SMALL TALK.

NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES FROM PLAYING WITH TIME.

MOCKING THE DEAD...

WAR... NO MATTER WHAT THE ERA...

...HEH HEH HEH, YOU KNOW YOU LIKE IT!

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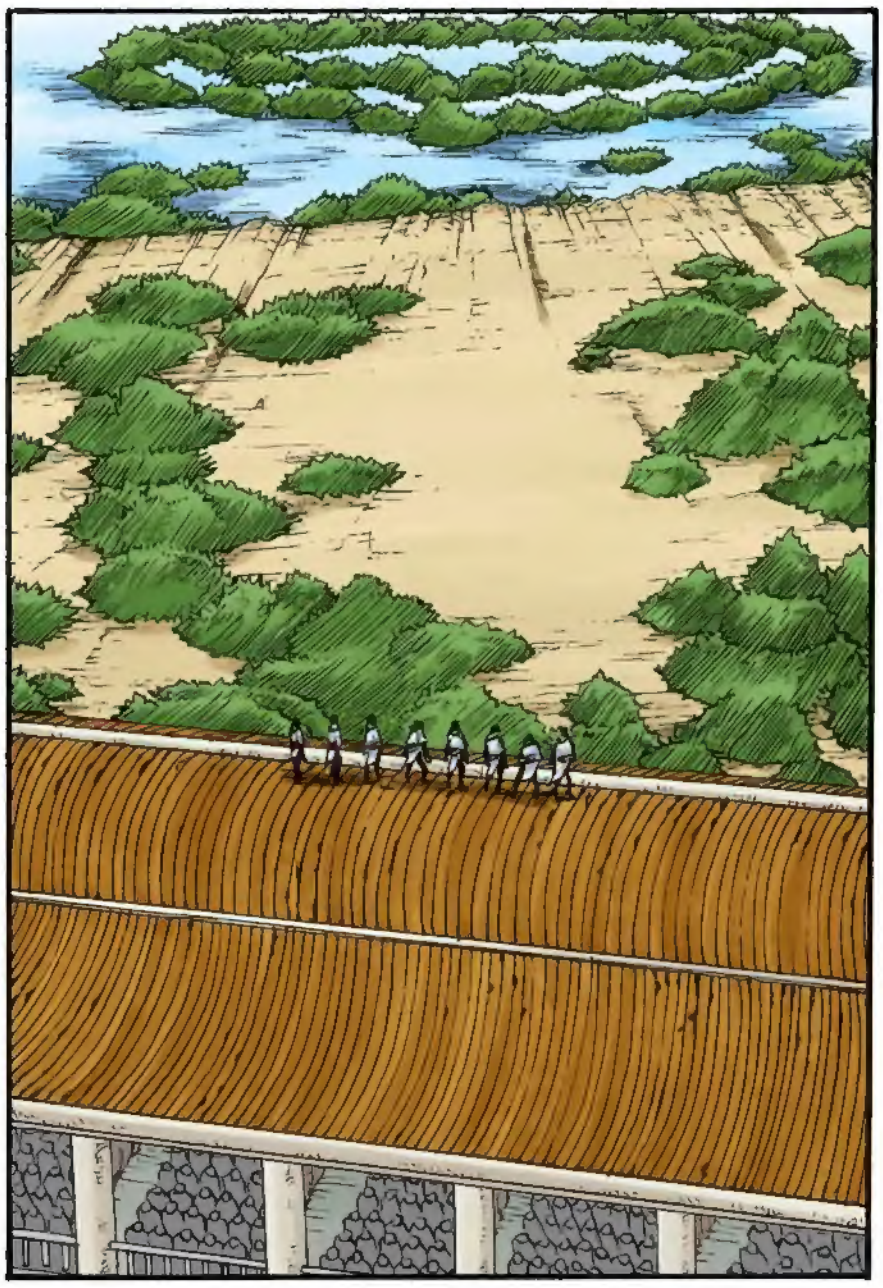

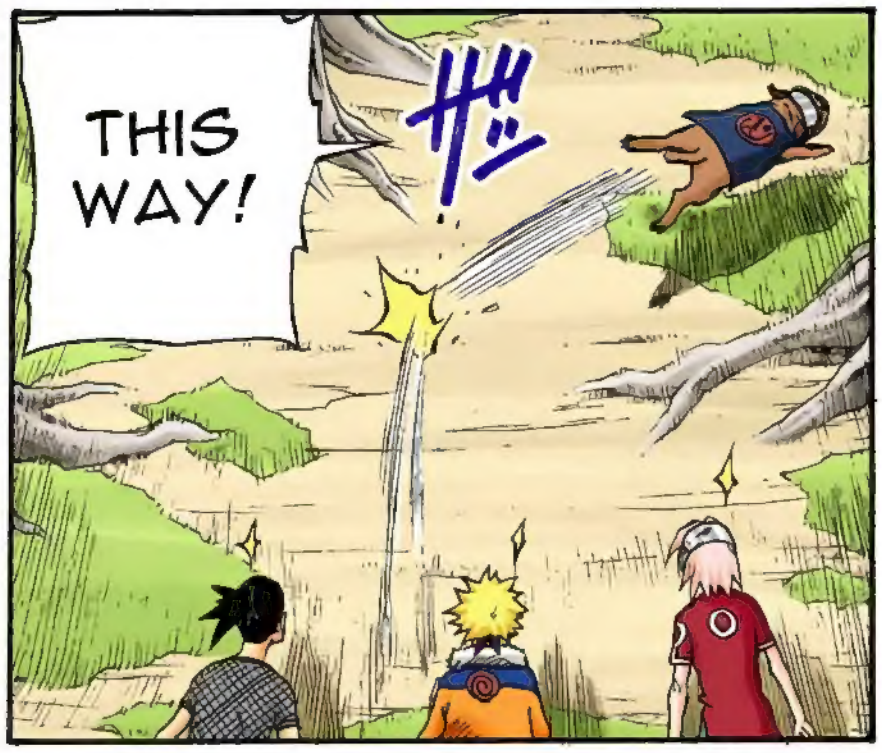

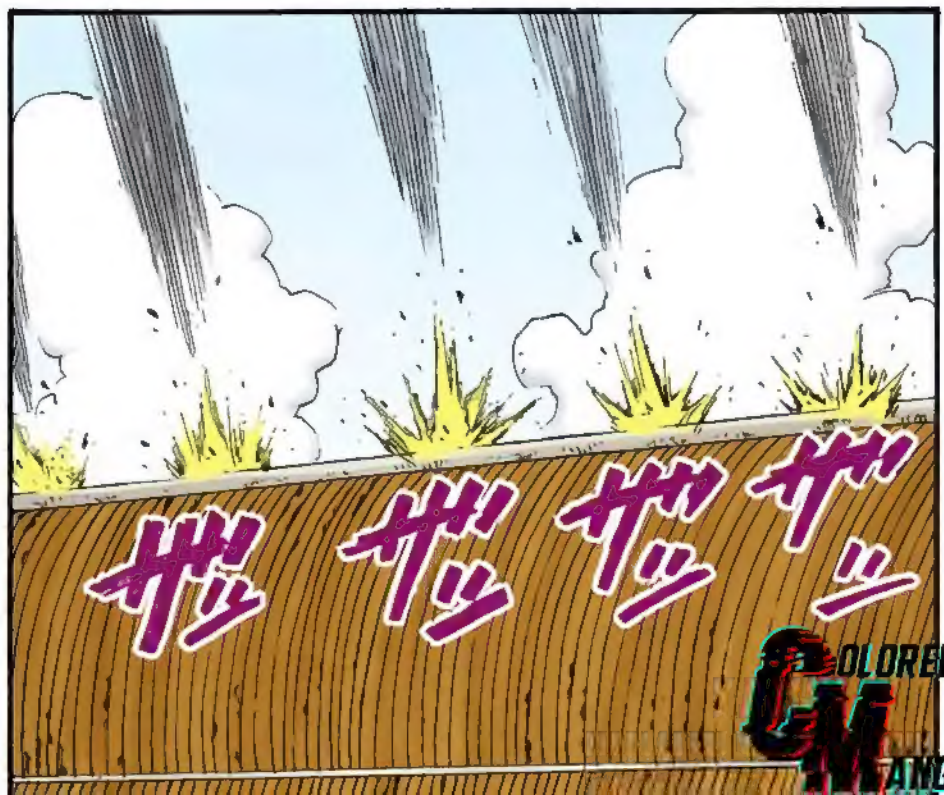

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HUH...? WHY?!

HEY!! ALL OF YOU, HURRY UP!

PLUS ONE MORE... **NINE** SHINOBI ON OUR TAILS!

THERE ARE TWO SQUADS, THAT MEANS **EIGHT** SHINOBI! ACTUALLY...

THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL CHÛNIN OR ABOVE... IF THEY CATCH UP TO US, WE'RE DEAD!

DARN!

...BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY GAINING ON US, AND GUARDING AGAINST AMBUSH.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY KNOW OUR EXACT POSITION YET...

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HEY, ALREADY?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING!!

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AMBUSH... MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA...

DARN IT! THEN WHY DON'T WE AMBUSH THEM AND GET RID OF 'EM?!

DEAD...!!

EVEN IF THERE ARE TWICE AS MANY OF THEM AS US, AS LONG AS WE SURPRISE THEM...

IF WE LIE IN WAIT FOR THEM, WE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE THE UPPER HAND!

FEH... I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE, BUT I GUESS NOT...

NOPE, WON'T WORK. THEY'RE ALL MINIONS OF OROCHIMARU, A FORMER KONOHA SHINOBI.

YEAH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

HUH?! WHY NOT? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT!

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AMBUSHING THE ENEMY IS NORMALLY AN ADVANTAGEOUS BATTLE TACTIC, BUT ONLY IF THESE TWO ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS ARE MET...

LISTEN UP!

YOU ARE BOTH SO CLUELESS!

FIRST, THE PURSUED MUST BE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT SILENTLY AND LOCATE THE ENEMY FIRST!

SECOND, THE PURSUED MUST BE ABLE TO SWIFTLY FIND, SECURE, AND CONCEAL THEMSELVES IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CAN INFLICT THE MOST SURPRISE AND DAMAGE TO THE CHASERS!

IN OUR CASE...WELL, SINCE WE HAVE A NINJA DOG'S NOSE, THE FIRST WON'T BE TOO DIFFICULT.

AN AMBUSH IS EFFECTIVE ONLY IF BOTH CONDITIONS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

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BUT THE SECOND... THE SECOND NORMALLY WOULDN'T BE IMPOSSIBLE, SINCE WE KNOW OUR OWN VILLAGE BETTER...

...AND CAN PINPOINT THE BEST POSITIONS FOR MAXIMUM SURPRISE.

BUT THAT WON'T FLY AGAINST MINIONS OF A FORMER FELLOW KONOHA SHINOBI!

OUR PURSUERS HAVE STUDIED OUR GEOGRAPHY AND PRACTICED IN PREPARATION FOR THIS ATTACK WITH MOCK BATTLES.

AND THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL MASTERS OF PURSUIT JUTSU.

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EVEN SO, AN AMBUSH MIGHT STILL BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE...

...EXCEPT THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY UNCERTAINTIES!

BESIDES, OUR "FRIENDS" WERE ASSEMBLED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PLOT, WHILE OUR GROUP IS COMPOSED OF...

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...A DOG...

...A KUNOICHI WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR TALENT...

...A DUNCE...

...AND THE NUMBER ONE SLACKER, ME!

ONE THING...?!

AND SO, WHAT'S WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY FOR US RIGHT NOW IS JUST ONE THING...

...COMES FROM COMPREHENDING YOUR OWN EXISTING FIGHTING STRENGTH AND FORMULATING THE BEST POSSIBLE PLAN BASED ON THAT!!

YOU SEE, BATTLE STRATEGY ...

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...AND DELAYS THEM BY MAKING IT LOOK LIKE WE'RE LYING IN WAIT.

ONE OF US STAYS BEHIND...

A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC DISGUISED AS AN AMBUSH!

...A DECOY...

IN OTHER WORDS...

HOWEVER, THE ONE WHO GETS TO BE THE DECOY WILL MOST LIKELY...

THAT'S RIGHT. IF THAT PERSON CAN DETAIN THEM, THE ENEMY WILL LOSE TRACK OF THE OTHER THREE...

...AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO SHAKE THE PURSUIT.

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...DIE.

WE NEED OUR DOGGIE GUIDE IN ORDER TO FIND SASUKE, WHICH MEANS...

SO... ANY VOLUN-TEERS?

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I'M THE ONLY CHOICE...

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ALL RIGHT, I'LL...

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BESIDES, THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO HAS ANY CHANCE OF PULLING OFF THE DECOY ACT AND EVEN POSSIBLY SURVIVING...

IT'S BETTER THAN ALL OF US GOING DOWN TOGETHER.

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YOU?!

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WHY YOU?!

...IS ME.

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THE SHADOW POSSESSION TECHNIQUE IS FUNDA-MENTALLY A DETAINMENT JUTSU, ANYWAYS...

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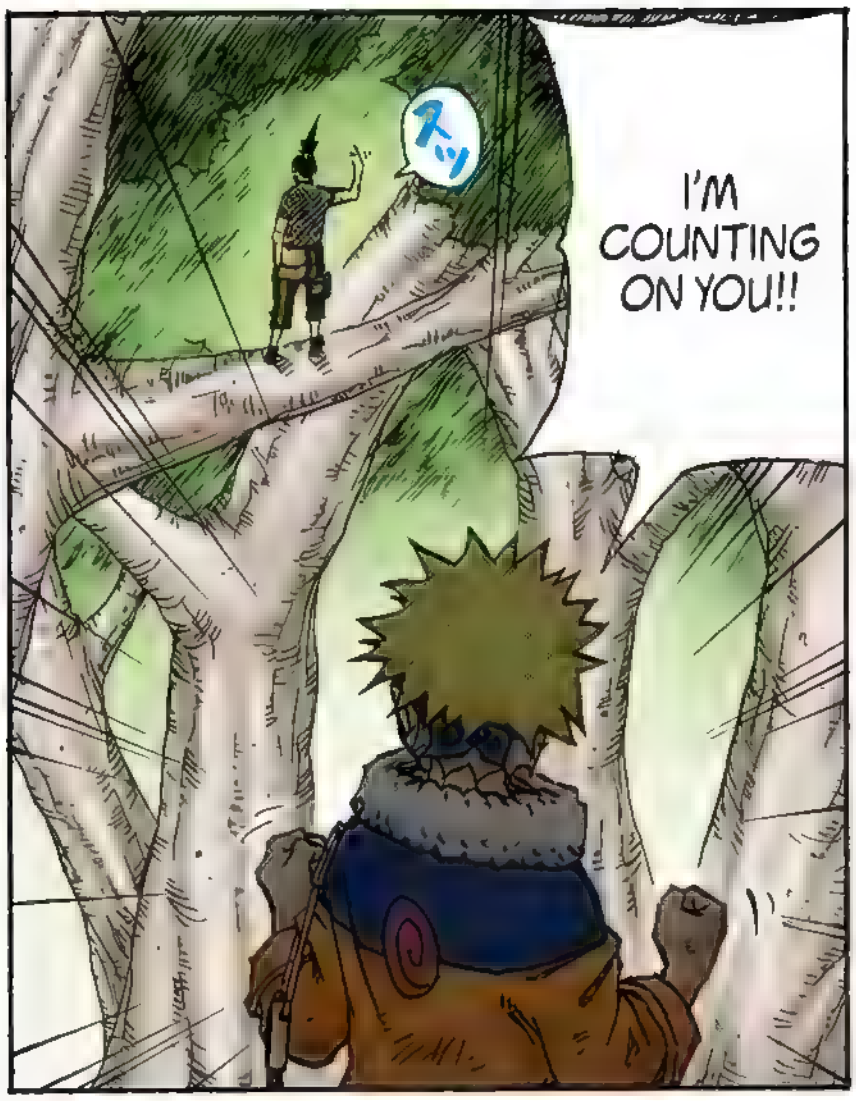
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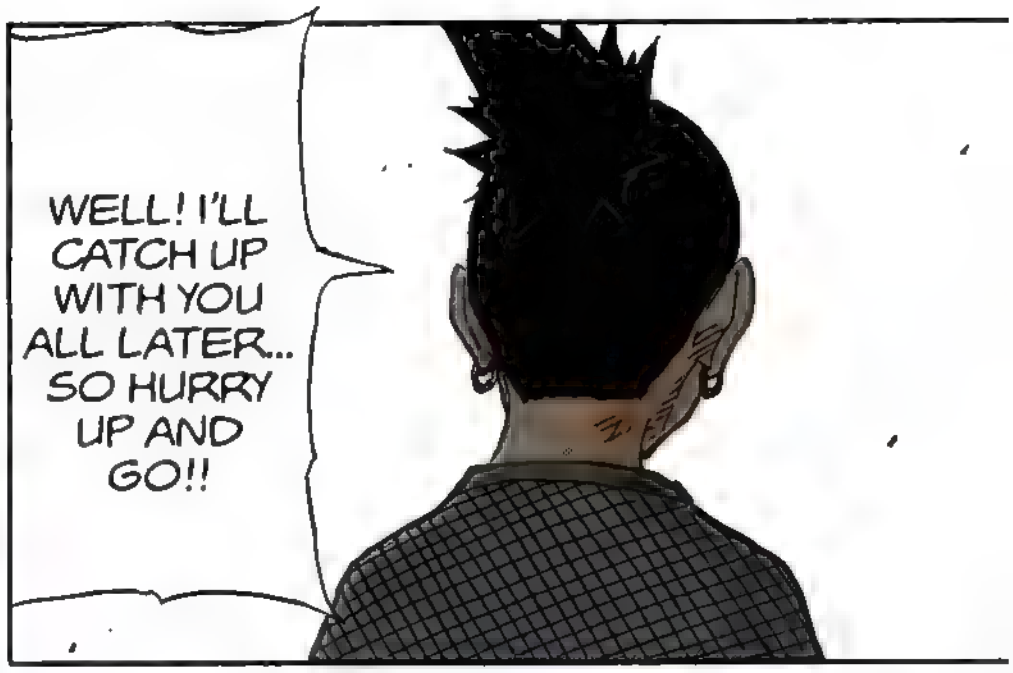
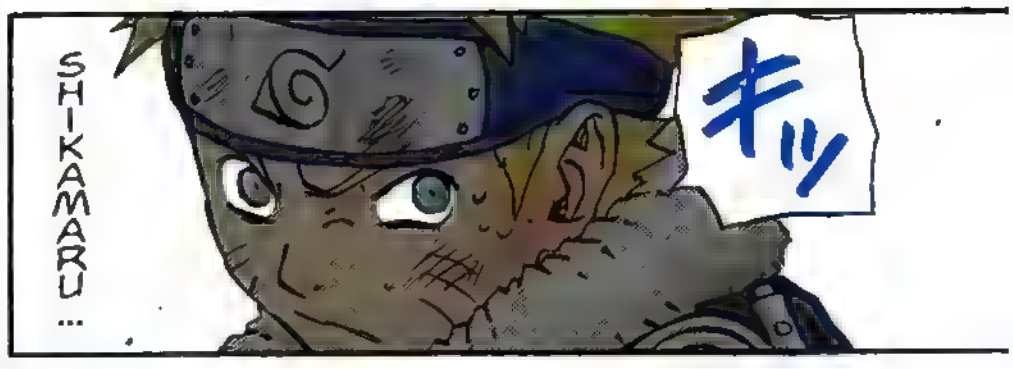
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!!


WELL! I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU ALL LATER... SO HURRY UP AND GO!!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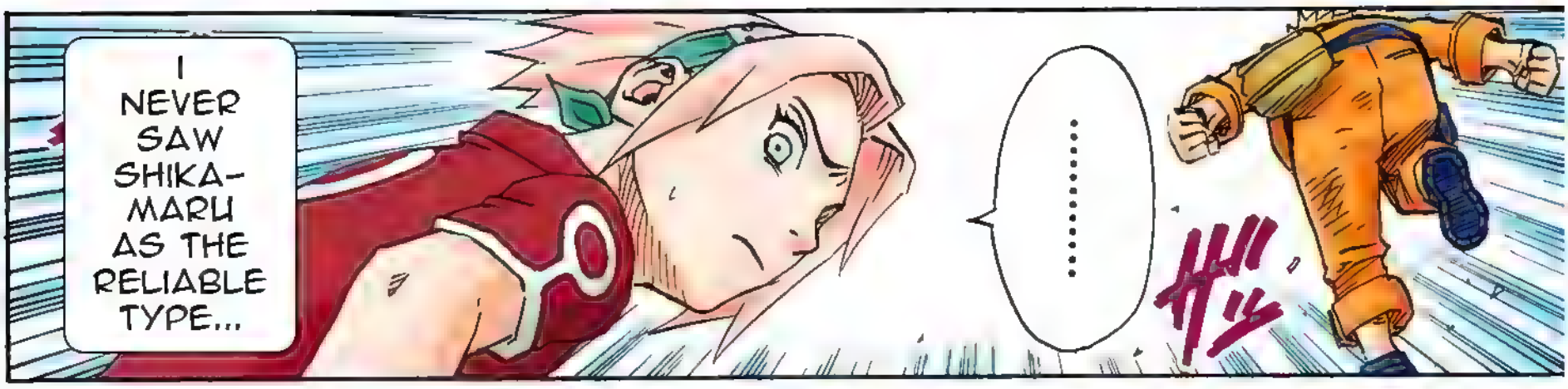
I NEVER SAW SHIKA-MARU AS THE RELIABLE TYPE...
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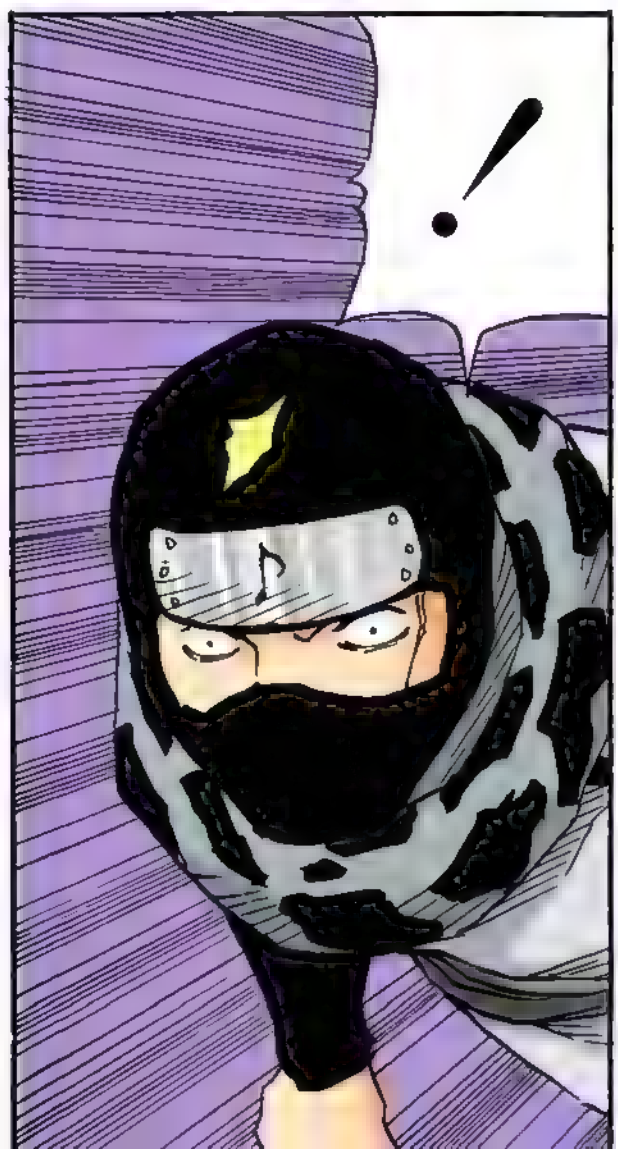
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HEH HEH... THEY'RE SO GREEN ...

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IS HE REALLY TRYING TO DELAY THEM?!

HEY, THE ENEMY'S STILL GAINING ON US!

...BUT HE'S **NOT** A TRAITOR!

SHIKAMARU MAY BE A SLACKER...

MAYBE HE'S RUN OFF!

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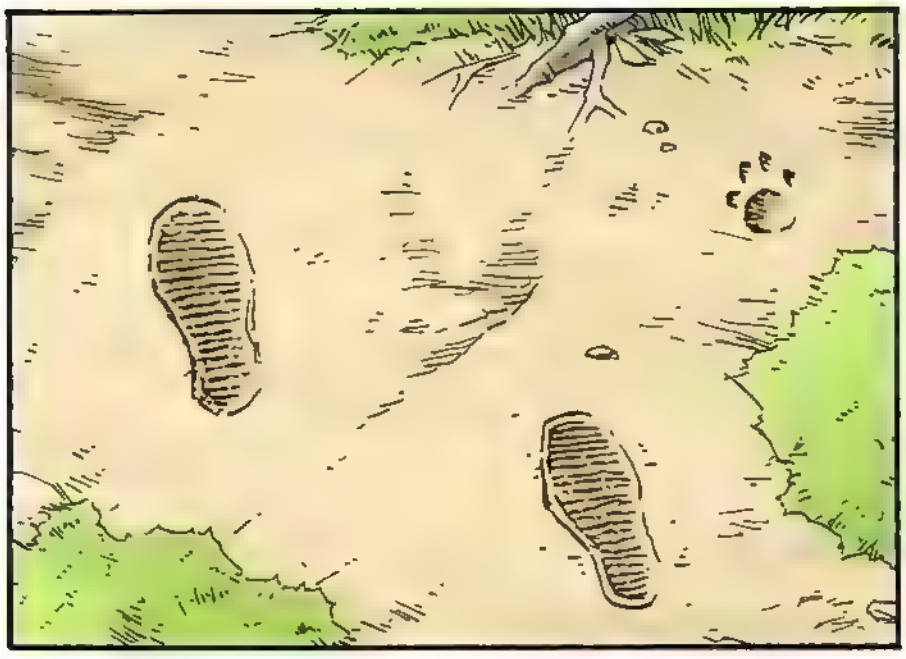
PHEW... WE'VE MANAGED TO SHAKE THEM...



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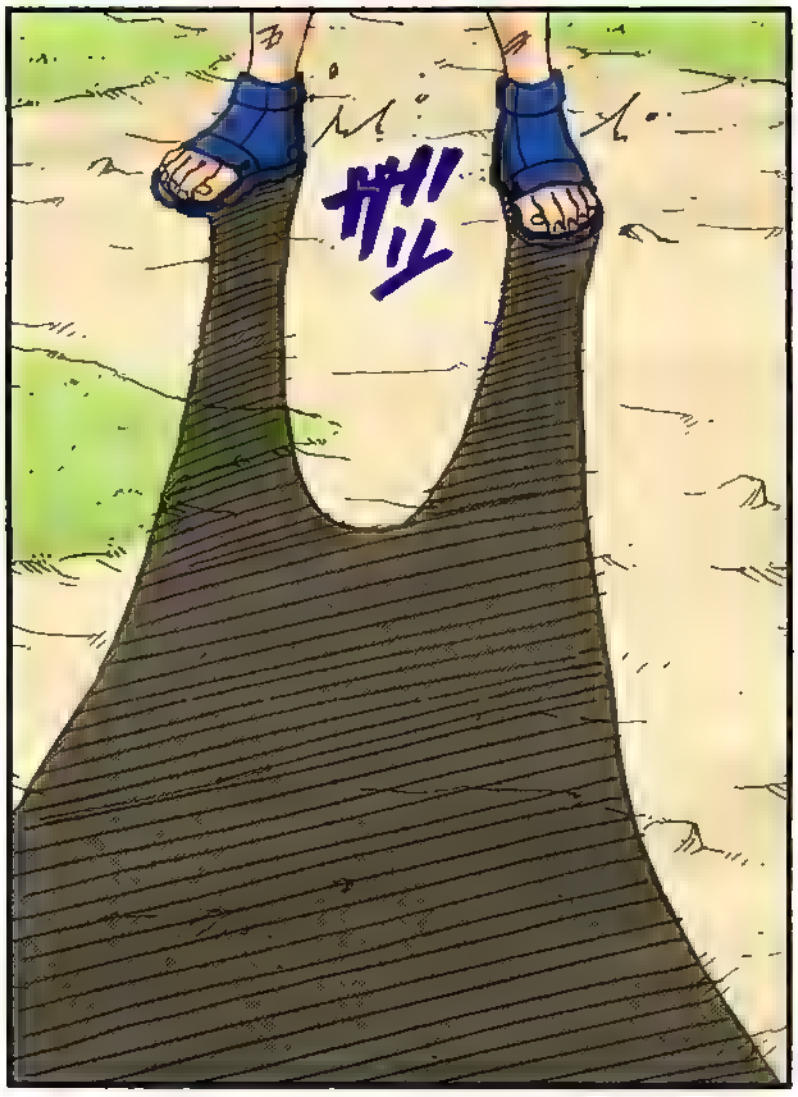

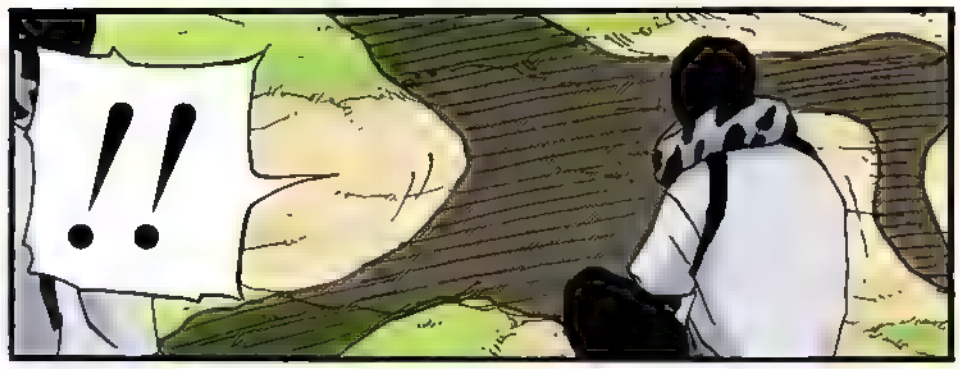

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SO **THIS** IS KONOHA'S FAMED SHADOW PARALYSIS TECHNIQUE, HUH...?

WHAT THE...? HE'S STILL JUST A KID! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE FELL FOR SUCH A SIMPLE TRICK...!

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I'VE USED UP TOO MUCH CHAKRA... I'M NOT GOING TO LAST TOO MUCH LONGER...

DARN... IT WAS FOOLISH TO ENGAGE THEM LIKE THIS...

YOU GUYS ARE OUT OF DATE!

WE CALL IT **THE KAGEMANE SHADOW POSSESSION TECHNIQUE** NOW, MISTER!

TIMES HAVE CHANGED...

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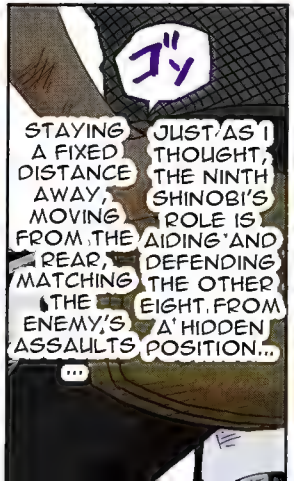
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STAYING A FIXED DISTANCE AWAY, MOVING FROM THE REAR, MATCHING THE ENEMY'S ASSAULTS...
JUST AS I THOUGHT, THE NINTH SHINOBI'S ROLE IS AIDING AND DEFENDING THE OTHER EIGHT FROM A HIDDEN POSITION...

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THERE ARE TWO SQUADS, THAT'S EIGHT SHINOBI... ACTUALLY, PLUS ONE MORE... 9 SHINOBI TOTAL ON OUR TAILS.
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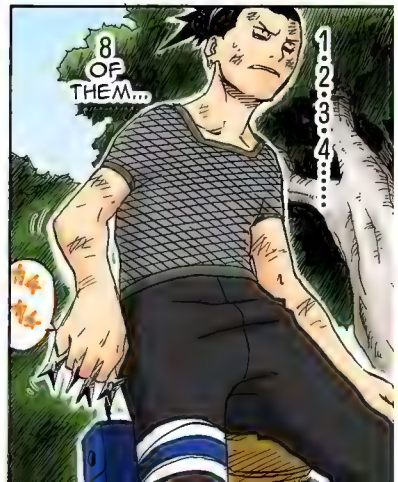
8 OF THEM...
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...LET'S SEE WHERE YOU'RE HIDING.

WELL, IN ANY CASE...

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CLARIFY THINGS!!

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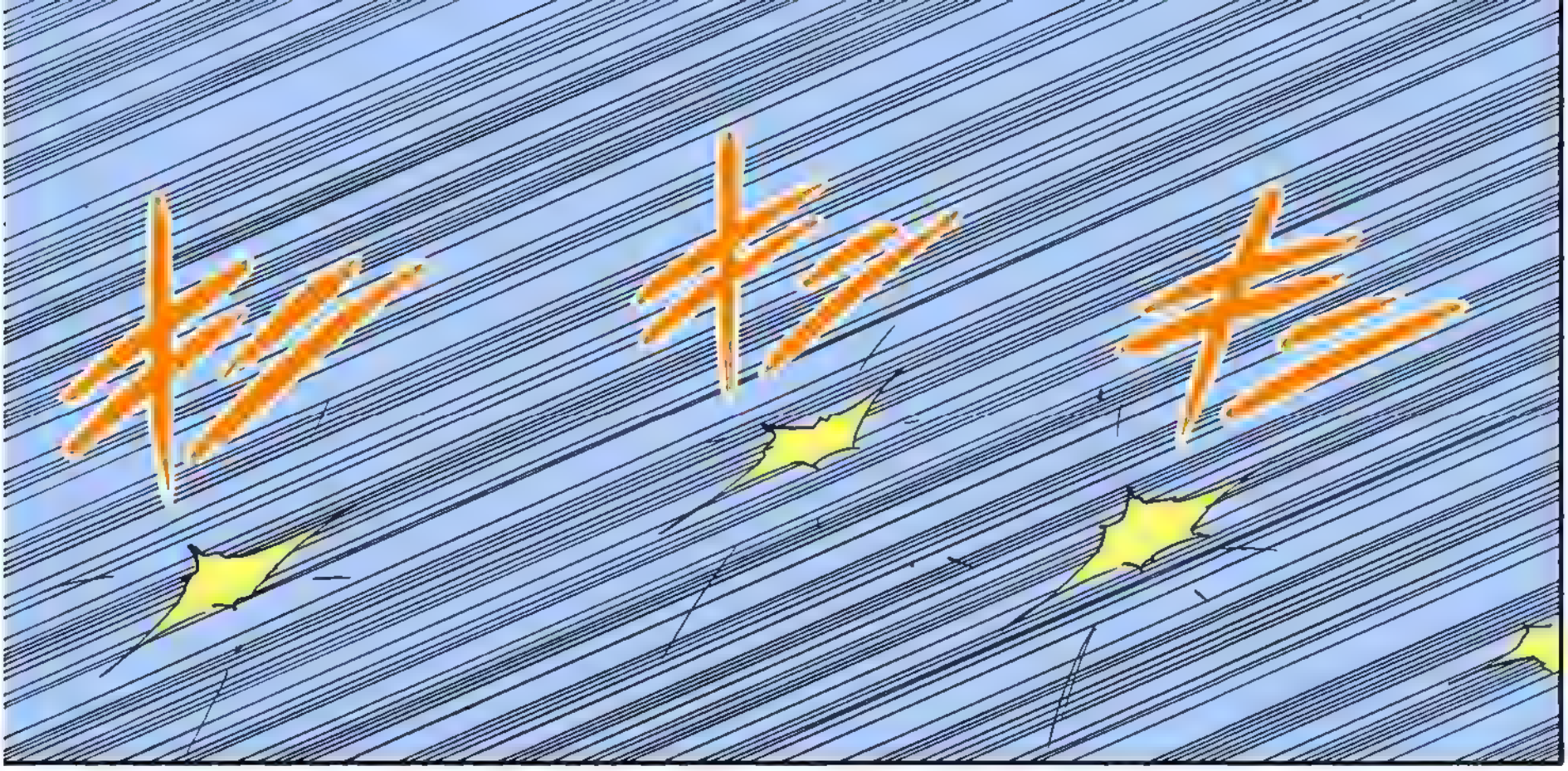

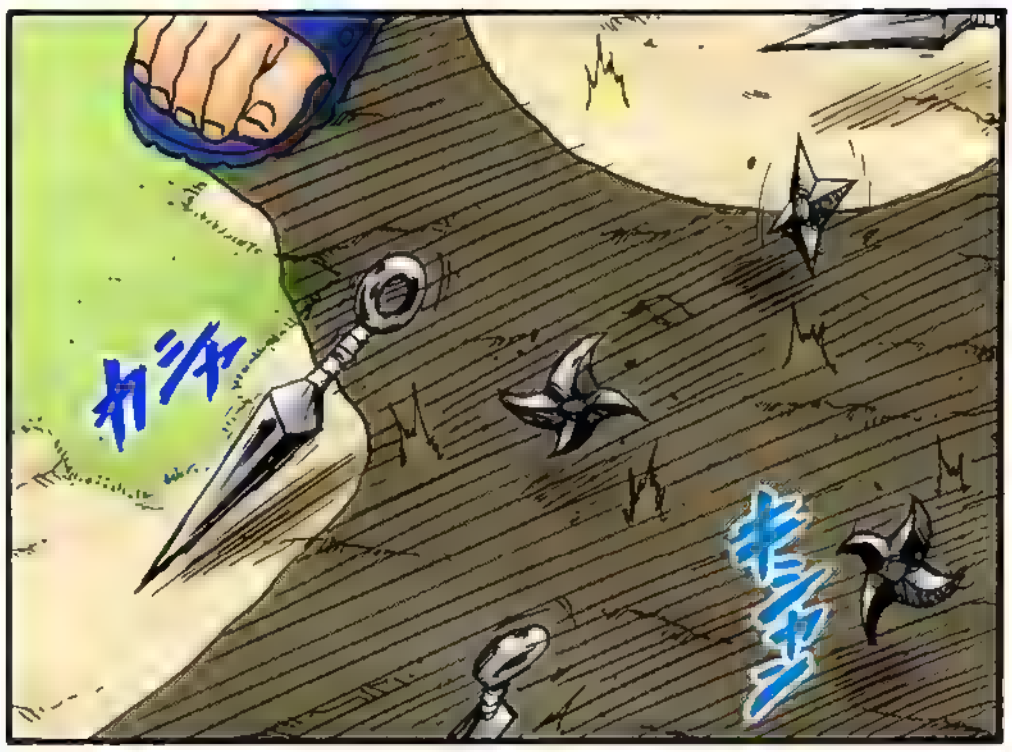

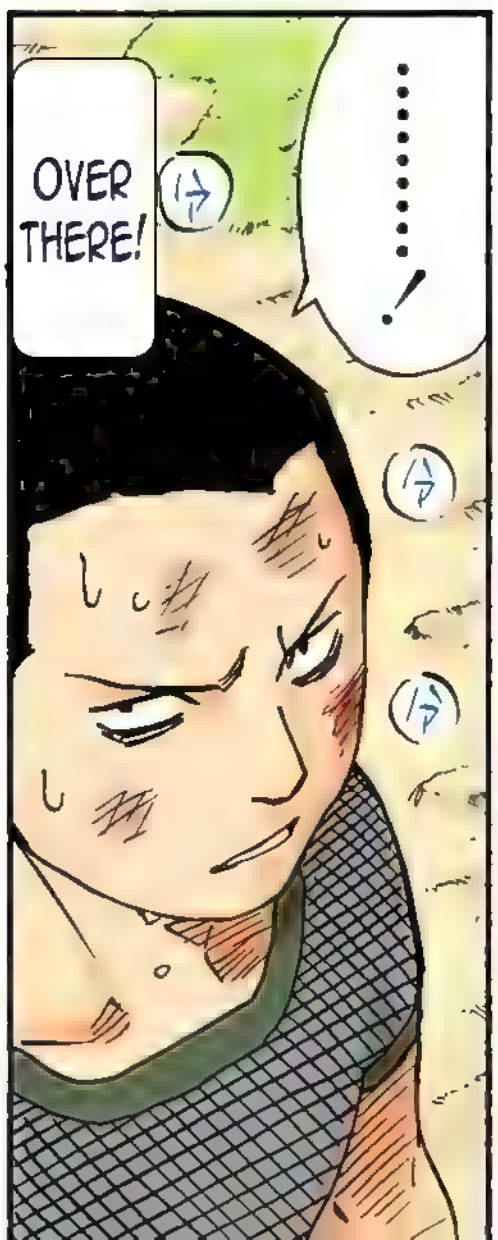

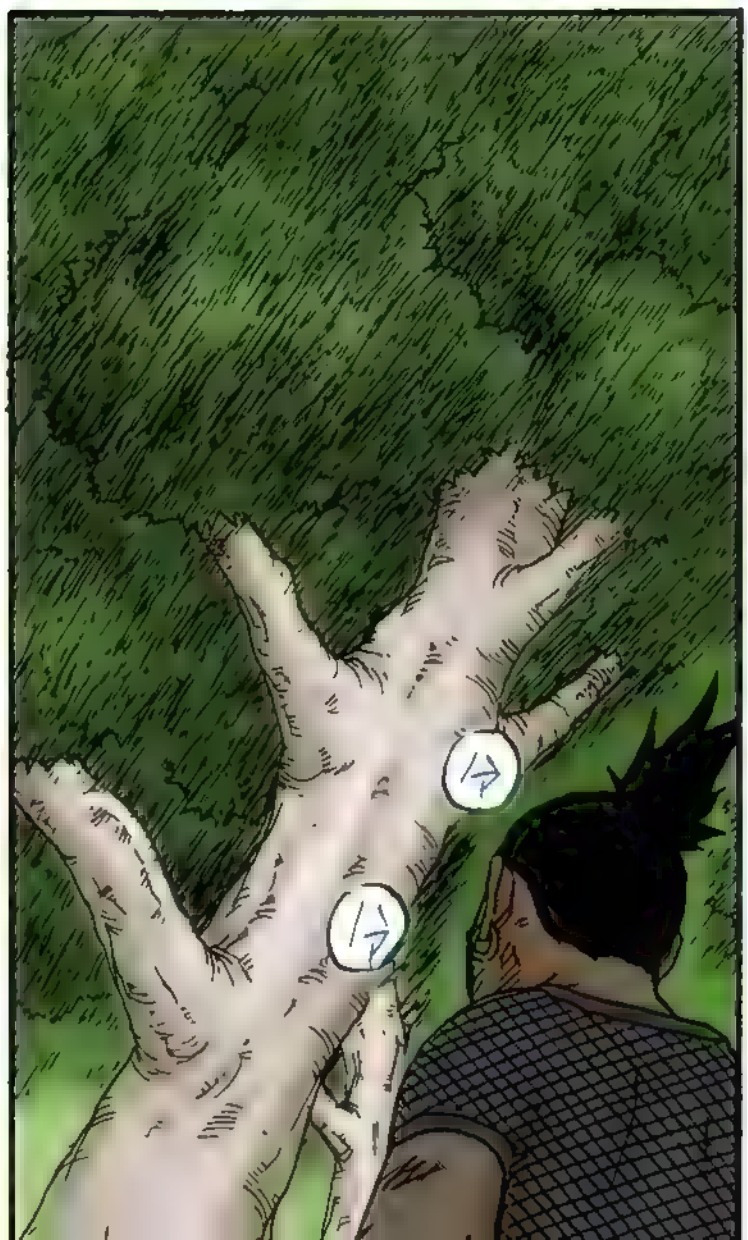

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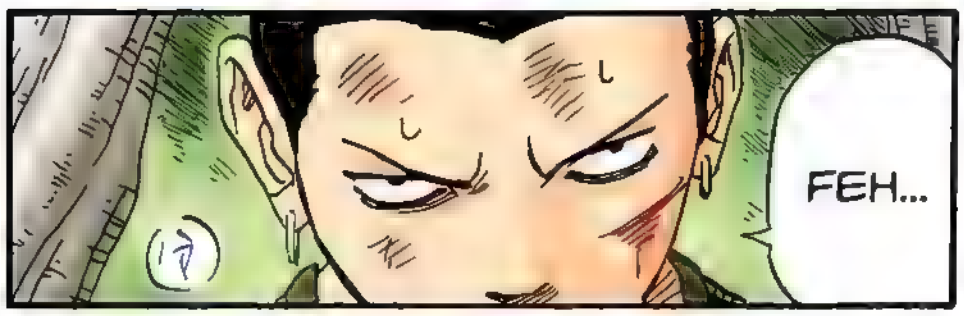
WE KNOW HOW YOUR TECHNIQUE WORKS.
IT'S USELESS ...

DARN IT... I CAN'T MAKE MY SHADOW MOVE ANY FASTER ...
WHICH MEANS I HAVE NO ENERGY LEFT TO DIVERT TO MY CHAKRA ...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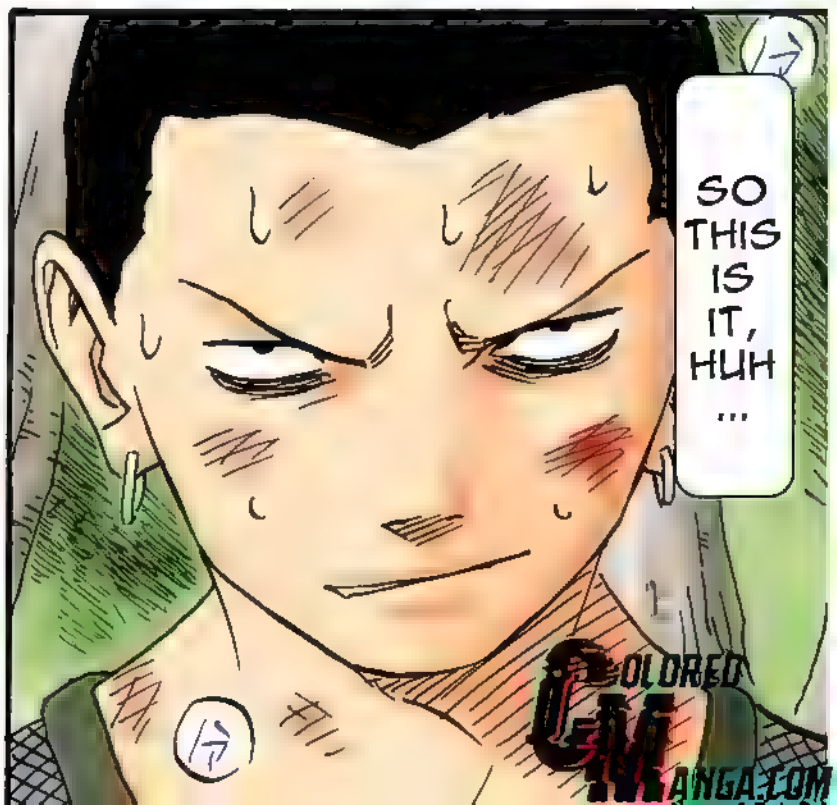
YOUR SHADOW POSSESSION, OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT, WILL FAIL SOON... SO PREPARE YOURSELF!
IT SEEMS YOU'VE REACHED YOUR LIMIT.


SO THIS IS IT, HUH ...

SIGH... I USED TO REALLY WANT TO BE JUST AN AVERAGE NINJA MAKING AN AVERAGE LIVING...

...MARRY A REGULAR GIRL WHO'S NOT SUPER PRETTY OR SUPER UGLY, HAVE TWO KIDS, A GIRL AND THEN A BOY...

RETIRE WHEN MY DAUGHTER AND MY SON SUCCESS-FULLY BECAME A NINJA...

... AND THEN JUST SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS PLAYING SHOGI OR GO, A CAREFREE AND LEISURELY RETIRMENT...

...DYING OF OLD AGE BEFORE MY WIFE ...

THAT'S THE LIFE I WANTED ...

AND YET I ENDED UP EXERTING MYSELF... SO UNLIKE ME...

EVEN THOUGH I WANTED TO REACH THE END OF MY LIFE A REGULAR GUY...

... I HAD TO GO AND GET MYSELF INTO THIS TIRESOME SITUATION ...

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HMM?!

OUR PURSUERS HAVE STOPPED!!

YOU MEAN SHIKA-MARU...?!

HIS TACTICS MUST HAVE WORKED!!

YES!

NICE! WE'RE ON OUR WAY, SASUKE!

...YOU BETTER SURVIVE AND COME CATCH UP TO US!!

AND SHIKA-MARU ...

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HEY... IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO COME OUT.

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LIKE YOU WERE SAYING... IT SEEMS I'M AT THE END OF MY ROPE...

AND TAKE THIS KID'S HEAD OFF WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

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FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU ...
...ASUMA... WHAT'RE YOU...?
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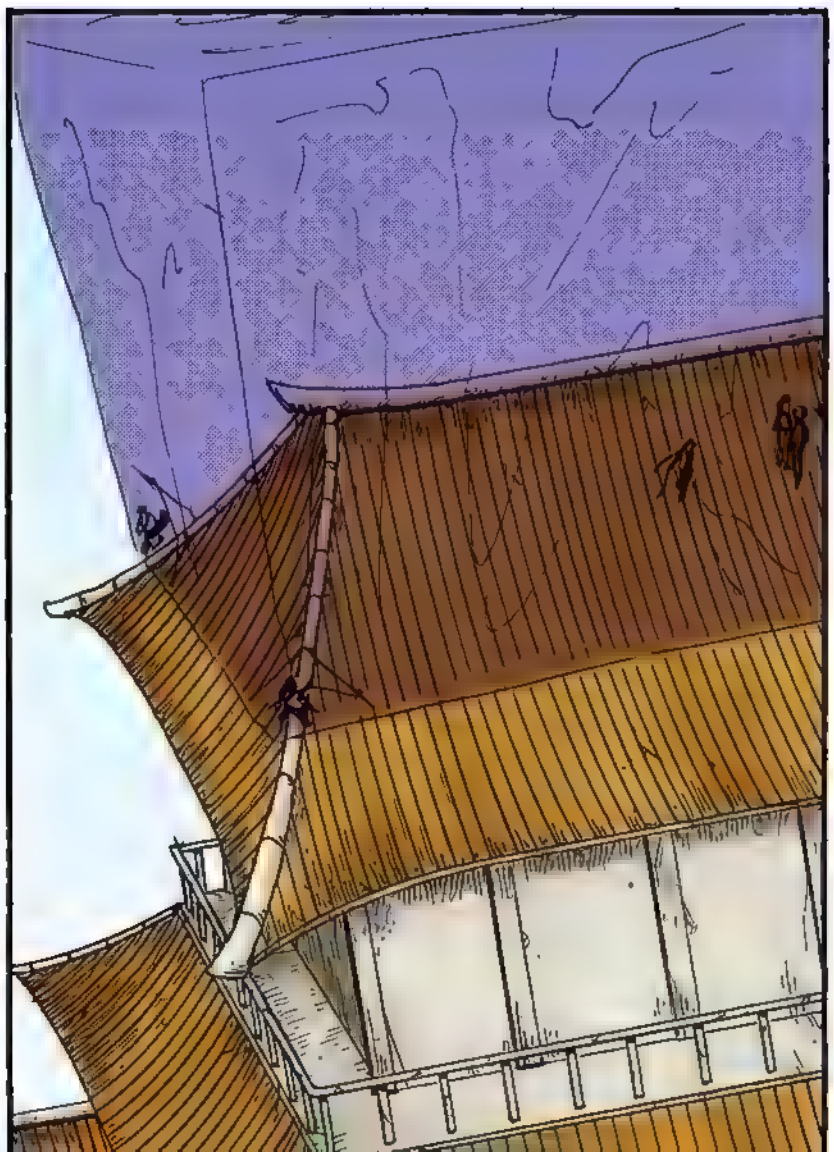

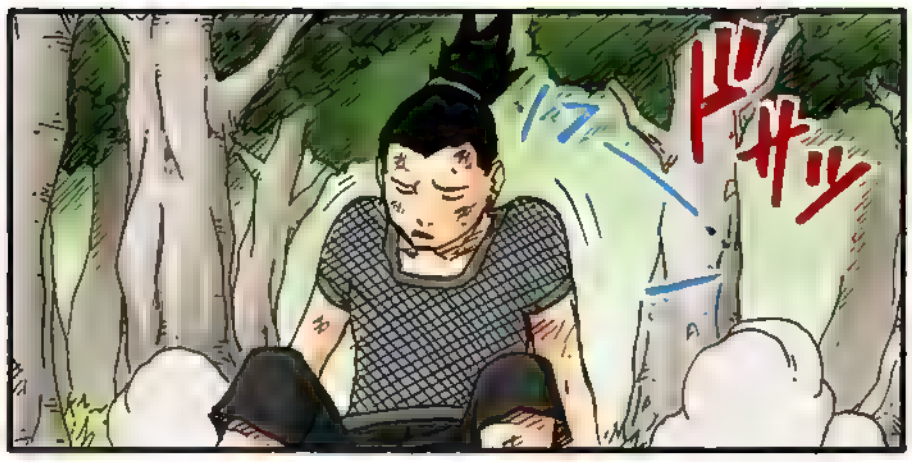

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WELL THEN, SHALL WE BEGIN?

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BUT FIRST, I NEED YOU RESTORED TO YOUR ORIGINAL FORMS...

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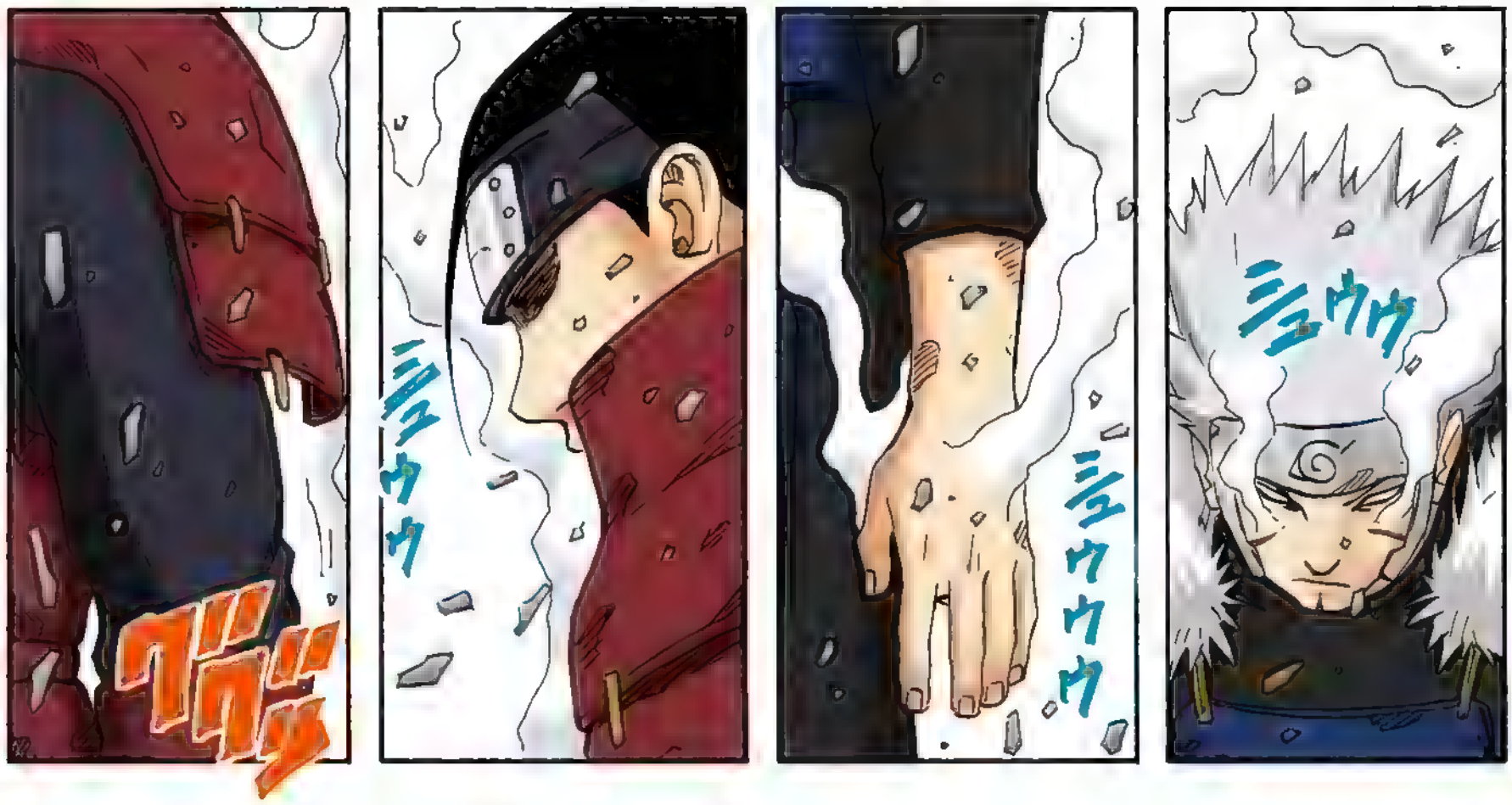
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WHAT IS THAT JUTSU...?!

THEY'RE INFUSED WITH MORE LIFE FORCE...

THEY LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE THEIR OLD SELVES...

IT'S A FORBIDDEN SUMMONING TECHNIQUE THAT RECALLS AND REVIVES THE DEAD INTO THIS WORLD...

EDO TENSEI ...

...REQUIRES THE SACRIFICIAL USE OF A LIVING BODY AS A VESSEL FOR THAT SOUL.

...BUT I'VE HEARD THAT THIS JUTSU, BECAUSE IT INVOLVES CALLING FORTH AND KEEPING A SOUL OF THE DEAD IN THIS PLANE...

NORMALLY, SUMMONING REQUIRES A SMALL AMOUNT OF BLOOD AS PAYMENT...

...MOLDING THEM INTO THE LIKENESSES OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE SOULS WERE SUMMONED... AND THEN...

YEAH... I BELIEVE DUST AND ASH ENVELOP THE SACRIFICED BODIES...

YOU MEAN THOSE BODIES WERE FROM OTHER **PEOPLE**...?!!

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...THROUGH THE SPELL NOTES EMBEDDED INSIDE THE HEADS, THOSE SOULS' PERSONALITIES ARE SUPPRESSED, TRANSFORMING THEM INTO MERE KILLING MACHINES!!

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PERFECT...

HEH HEH HEH...

I PREPARED THIS LITTLE SCENARIO PRECISELY SO THAT YOU COULD EXPERIENCE THAT JOY...

HEH HEH HEH... DO YOU GET IT NOW?

...WOUNDING THOSE YOU ONCE CALLED YOUR TEACHERS!

THERE'S AN INCREDIBLE JOY AND SENSE OF ACCOMPLISH-MENT FROM...

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SO PLEASE ENJOY IT!

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DRAGON'S FLAME!!

FIRE STYLE! KARYU-ENDAN!

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IT SHOWS WHY HE WAS NAMED HOKAGE

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UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

HE INVOKED SUCH A TREMENDOUS WATER TECHNIQUE ON DRY LAND!

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WATER STYLE: SUIRYUDAN! WATER DRAGON ATTACK!!

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EARTH STYLE: DORYUHEKI! MUD WALL!

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SECRET JUTSU...

WOOD STYLE!

JUKAI-KOTAN! DEEP FOREST EMER-GENCE!!

THIS IS THE FIRST HOKAGE'S SECRET JUTSU... NOT GOOD!!

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HE USED HIS CHAKRA AS A LIFE SOURCE!! SO THIS IS THE FIRST HOKAGE'S LEGENDARY WOOD STYLE NINJUTSU THAT QUELLED TURBULENT TIMES AND CARVED OUT KONOHA!!

HO HO... YOU'VE BEEN TRAPPED, MASTER SARUTOBI...

AARGH...

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I CALL THEE!!

NINJA ART: KUCHI-YOSE! SUMM-ONING!

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MONKEY KING ENMA!!

'TIS SAD, SARUTOBI...

AND ALL BECAUSE YOU FAILED TO KILL HIM THAT DAY!!

HUMPH... A GERIATRIC MONKEY KING, EH...?

SO IT HAS COME TO THIS, AFTER ALL...!

OROCHI-MARU...

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INDESTRUC-TIBLE NYOI STAFF!!

ENMA!!

TSK! TOO LATE!!

I'M GETTING TO IT RIGHT NOW...

ALL RIGHT...

TRANSFORM!!

YES!

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WHAT A HIGH-LEVEL NINJUTSU CONTEST...! THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE HOKAGE...

HO HO... IT'S FINALLY GETTING INTER-ESTING ...

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WITH ONE SWING OF KUSA-NAGI...

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EVEN IN THIS SOLID METAL FORM, THE KUSANAGI BLADE WILL INFLICT PAIN...!

GO, ENMA!!

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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LEAPT RIGHT IN WITHOUT EVEN USING SHADOW CLONES...

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AGE HAS CAUGHT UP WITH HIM...

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU... WHAT'S THE MATTER?

A JUTSU LIKE THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER TECHNIQUE, WHICH SPLITS ONE'S CHAKRA INTO EQUAL PIECES... IF THINGS GO WRONG, IT'S LIKE THROWING AWAY CHUNKS OF CHAKRA...

NO... IT ISN'T THAT HE'S NOT USING THEM, BUT RATHER THAT HE CANNOT... THE AMOUNT OF CHAKRA LORD POSSESSES HAS DECLINED SINCE HIS YOUTH...

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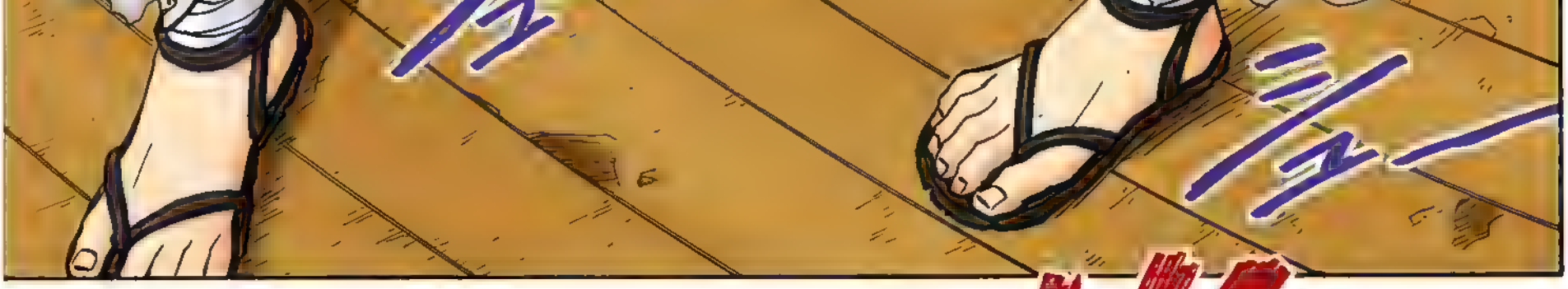
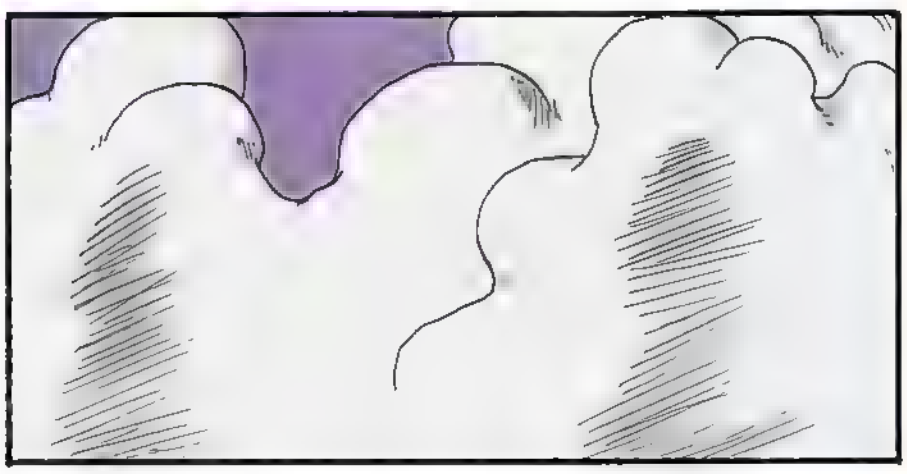
HO HO HO... YOU'RE THE ONE NICKNAMED "PROFESSOR" BECAUSE YOU KNEW AND COULD PERFORM ALL EXISTING KONOHA JUTSU...

...PLEASE DON'T DISAPPOINT ME.

UGH... THE NYOI STAFF IS STARTING TO FEEL SO HEAVY...





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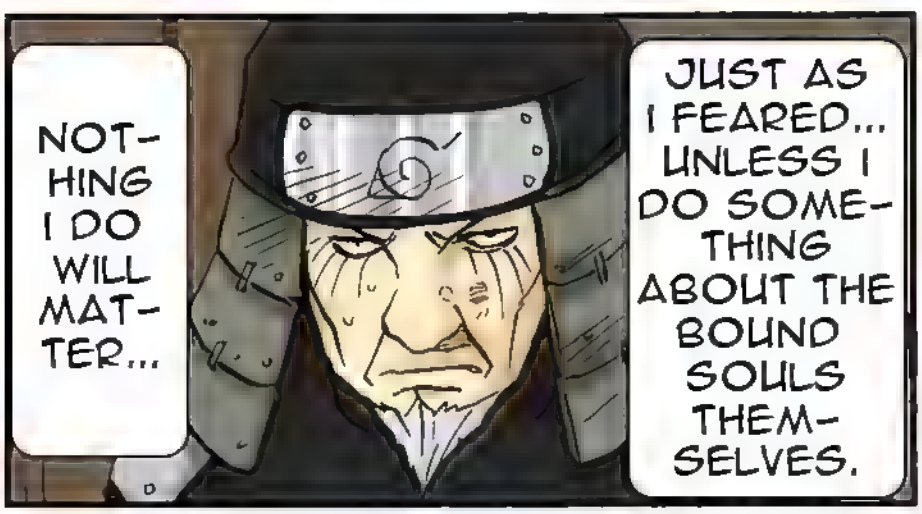
HO HO... TOO BAD IT'S FUTILE...

I SEE... AS HE WAS BEING KICKED, HE PLANTED SMOKE BOMBS...

NOTHING I DO WILL MATTER...

JUST AS I FEARED... UNLESS I DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE BOUND SOULS THEMSELVES.



...IS GETTING RAGGED.

YOUR BREATH...

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WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

...THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S JUTSU AFTER ALL...

IN WHICH CASE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE...

THIS MOMENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A REPULSIVE BLOOD-DRENCHED BATTLE...

ENOUGH WITH COMPARING JUTSU!

...MOST APPROPRIATE FOR SHINOBI!

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WHICH MEANS THE JUTSU WON'T UNRAVEL EVEN IF I KILL OROCHI-MARU...

EDO TENSEI... REANI-MATION...

IN WHICH CASE... FIRST LORD, SECOND LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME...

...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CAST THIS JUTSU.

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HEH HEH HEH HEH...

MY, MY, HOW WE'VE AGED.

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU STRUGGLING LIKE THIS...

WHAT'S... SO FUNNY...?

...THAT EVEN YOU, WHO HAS BEEN HAILED AS A SHINOBI GOD, ARE VULNERABLE TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME...

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IT'S SO PITIFUL...

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HEH HEH HEH...

WAS IT TOO SUDDEN FOR YOU TO COMPRE-HEND?

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WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?!

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IT IS STILL I, OROCHIMARU.

THIS GUY'S TOO YOUNG... PLUS THAT IS NOT THE OROCHIMARU FACE WE KNOW!!

WHAT IS GOING ON? AS ONE OF THE LEGEND-ARY THREE SHINOBI, HE'S GOT TO BE WAY PAST 50 YEARS OLD...

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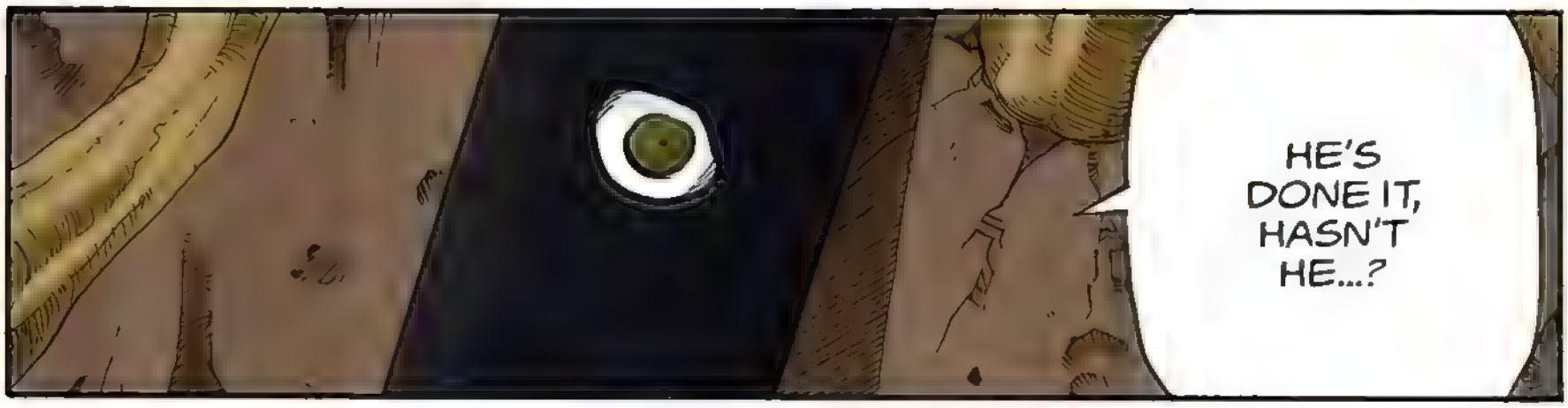

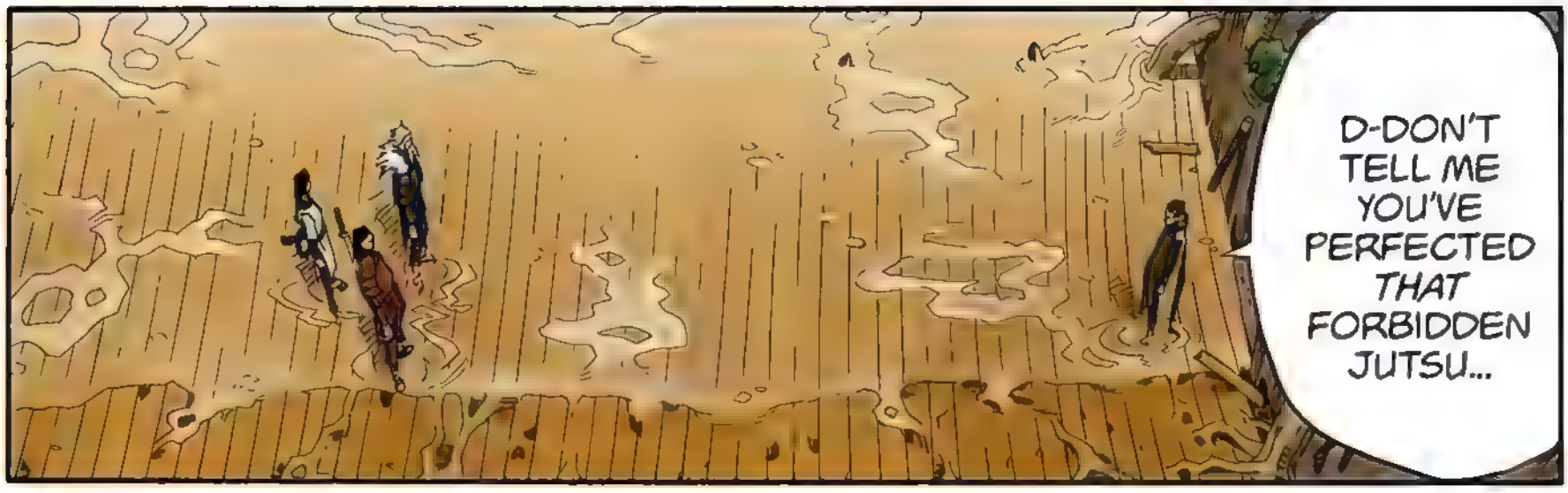

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...IS YOUR WARPED THINKING...

THE MAIN REASON I COULD NOT SELECT YOU AS THE FOURTH HOKAGE...

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HO HO HO... I'VE FINALLY BEEN FOUND OUT...

WHAT A SHAME.

THERE HAVE BEEN A SPATE OF DISAPPEARANCES RECENTLY, ONE AFTER ANOTHER, OF NOT JUST GENIN AND CHÛNIN, BUT EVEN SEVERAL BLACK OPS AGENTS...

AND WE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT **YOU'VE** BEEN ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER...

OROCHIMARU...

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!!

AND I THOUGHT I HAD RIGGED ENOUGH BOOBY TRAPS...

I WAS GOING TO SAY I'M SHOCKED, BUT I SEE IT IS YOU, THIRD LORD...

LORD OROCHIMARU... WHY WOULD A SHINOBI OF YOUR CALIBER ENGAGE IN SUCH THINGS...?!!

HEH HEH HEH... WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO KILL YOU TOO?

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I GUESS THERE'S NO USE HIDING IT ANYMORE...

AH WELL! NOW THAT THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG...

TELL ME!! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING HERE?!

OROCHIMARU!! SO IT HAS BEEN YOU...

I'M EXPLORING JUTSU DEVELOPMENT!

FORBIDDEN JUTSU, EH...

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU SEEK?

YOU'VE BEEN CONDUCTING LIVE HUMAN EXPERI-MENTS...

OROCHI... YOU...

...EVERYTHING?!

EVERYTHING!

...NAME THE NEWLY CREATED COLOR GREEN.

AND THUS DID THE FELLOW WHO FIRST MIXED BLUE AND YELLOW...

I WANT TO ACQUIRE ALL JUTSU AND GRASP ALL OF THIS WORLD'S PRINCIPLES...

JUST AS THERE ARE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF COLORS, SO ARE THERE THOUSANDS IF NOT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JUTSU OUT IN THE WORLD...

SAY BLUE IS CHAKRA, THEN YELLOW IS SIGNS AND GREEN IS JUTSU...

I WISH TO DO THE SAME...

AND HE WHO MASTERS ALL IS TRULY WORTHY OF THE TITLE "THE ULTIMATE BEING"...

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN EACH AND EVERY JUTSU THAT EXISTS, AND THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND THEM, I NEED A LONG, LONG TIME...

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DON'T TELL ME THE JUTSU YOU WERE EXPERI-MENTING WITH HERE WAS...

OROCHI-MARU...

YES... IT'S THAT WHICH YOU FEAR...

...EVEN IF I HAD BECOME HOKAGE. FOR ONCE ONE IS DEAD, IT'S ALL OVER...

FOR ME, THE LIFESPAN OF THE FLESH IS MUCH TOO SHORT...

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FURÔFUSHI NO JUTSU... THE ART OF IMMORTALITY!

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IT'S A TENSEI JUTSU, A TRANSFERENCE TECHNIQUE WHERE I FIND A NEW BODY TO INHABIT, THEN INSERT MY MIND AND SOUL INTO IT AND TAKE IT OVER...

THE ART OF IMMORTALITY IS A METHOD OF KEEPING ONE'S MIND AND SOUL ANCHORED IN THIS WORLD FOR ETERNITY...

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I FEEL IT DEEPLY SEEING YOU LIKE THIS...

AGING IMPARTS A SENSE OF FUTILITY, DOES IT NOT?

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FEH...!

...WAS THAT I WANTED YOU TO FEEL NOSTALGIC ABOUT OUR REUNION, MASTER....

HEH HEH HEH... THE REASON I WAS ASSUMING MY OLD APPEARANCE UNTIL NOW...

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KONOHA SHALL TRULY PROVIDE ME WITH MUCH ENJOYMENT...

YOU WILL DIE HERE AND I SHALL OBTAIN A BODY THAT IS EVEN YOUNGER, STRONGER, AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THIS ONE.

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I SEE...

YOU MEAN UCHIHA SASUKE!

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YESSS... THAT'S RIGHT...

DEAR LITTLE SASUKE...

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AND I PLAN ON GROOMING SASUKE A BIT MORE TO MY TASTE BEFORE POSSESSING HIM... HEH HEH...

THIS IS ONLY MY SECOND ONE, I THINK...

THAT FACE... THAT BODY... HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE THERE BEEN?

A TRANSFERENCE TECHNIQUE WHICH GIVES YOUR MIND AND SOUL IMMORTALITY THROUGH STEALING OTHERS' BODIES...

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HO HO HO... BUT IN ORDER TO HAVE YOU DIE RUING YOUR LIFE AND CURSING YOUR FATE...

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UGH...

...I SUPPOSE THIS FACE IS BETTER, AFTER ALL...

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LORD HOKAGE!!!

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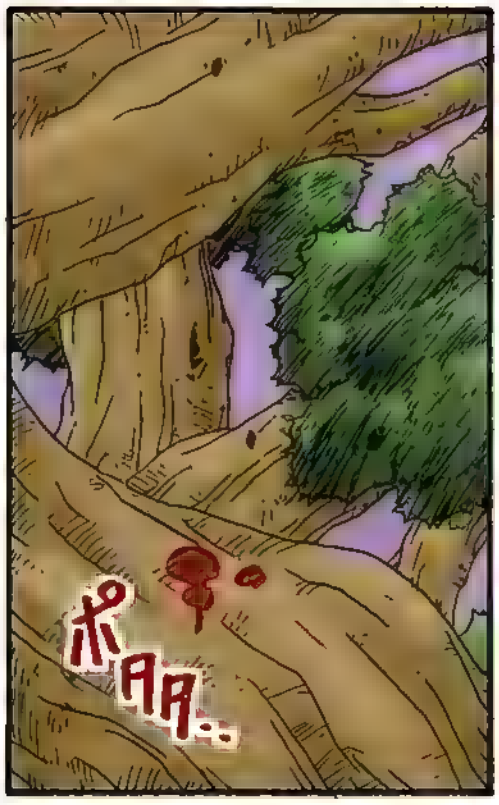
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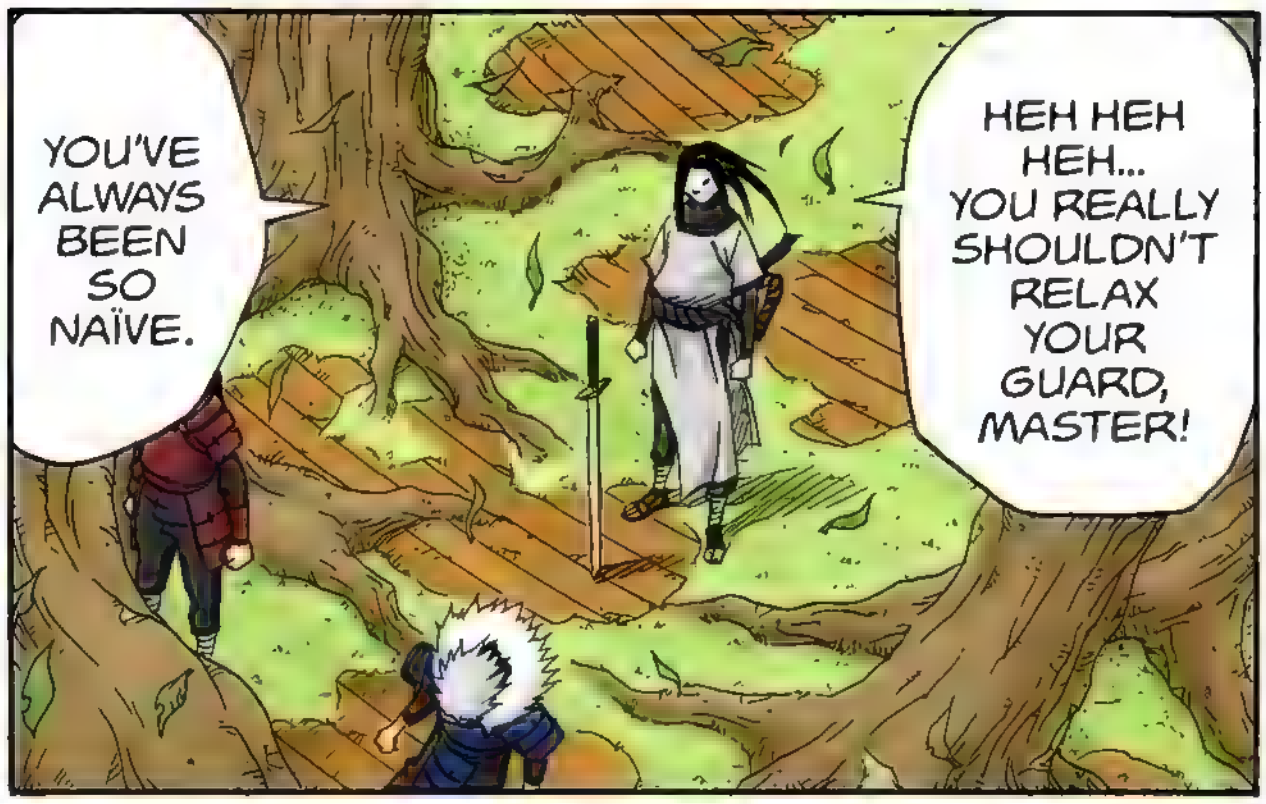
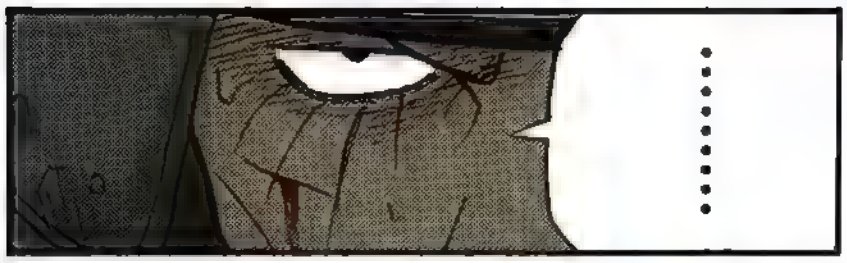

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO NAÏVE.
HEH HEH HEH... YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T RELAX YOUR GUARD, MASTER!



...SORRY...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

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PUPILS WHO CONCEALED MALICE AND AMBITION...

I KNEW AND YET PRET-ENDED I HADN'T NOTI-CED...

THAT YOU HAD SUCH FOUN-DAT-IONS WITHIN YOU...

I HAD PICKED UP...

I HAD HOPED YOU WOULD INHERIT MY WILL AND STRENGTH... THAT'S WHAT I WISHED.

AND THUS MY INDULGENCES HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THESE CIRCUM-STANCES. BOTH THEN AND NOW...

...BECAUSE IT WAS STILL AN ERA OF CONFLICT, AND YOU WERE A POWERFULLY TALENTED GENIUS, THE LIKES OF WHICH IS SEEN ONLY ONCE EVERY FEW DECADES...

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YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME? ME...?

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MASTER SARUTOBI ?

CAN YOU REALLY DO IT...

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SARUTOBI... YOU...

YOU WERE RIGHT... I COULDN'T KILL YOU...

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BUT I SHALL KILL YOU AND RECTIFY THE ERRORS OF THE PAST RIGHT NOW!!

IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!!

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KAGE-BUNSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!

TO PURPOSELY SHORTEN YOUR LIFE IN YOUR HASTE...

HEH... YOU REALLY HAVE LOST YOUR MIND...

NO...! WHY SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS...?!!

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D-DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE...?!

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SHEEP

BOAR

SNAKE

RAT

DOG

RABBIT

SNAKE

HORSE

BIRD

...ARE PERFORMING THAT JUTSU...!!

THAT ORDER OF SIGNS... SARUTOBI, YOU...

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AS THE ONE WHO INHERITS AND IS ENTRUSTED WITH KONOHA'S WILL... I WILL NOT GO DOWN SO EASILY!

THE VILLAGE OF KONOHA IS MY HOME!

AS HOKAGE, THE CENTRAL PILLAR OF KONOHA, I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THIS VILLAGE.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY, IT'S TOO LATE... I HAVE WON.

KONOHA WILL FALL!

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KOGU-ANGYO NO JUTSU THE ART OF INFINITE DARK-NESS!!

GEN JUTSU!

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EVEN YOUR MOUNTAINSIDE IMAGE WILL EVENTUALLY WEAR AWAY AND BE OBLITERATED.

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UGH!

YOU SPOUT NONSENSE. YOU'RE MERELY ONE LEADER IN A LONG LINE OF MANY FOR ONE LOWLY ORGANIZATION.

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HMPH... THE VILLAGE OF KONOHA IS NOT JUST AN ORGANIZATION TO ME...

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IN KONOHA EVERY YEAR NEW SHINOBI ARE BORN AND RAISED...

THEY LIVE... FIGHT... AND DIE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE... AND THOSE WITHIN ITS WALLS...

EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT CONNECTED BY BLOOD...

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...IS PRECIOUS TO ME... THEY ARE MY...

...FAMILY!

...AND DESTROY THE HOUSE OF KONOHA.

HEH HEH HEH... THEN I SHALL KNOCK DOWN AND BREAK YOU, THEIR PILLAR...

HMPH! EVEN IF YOU KILL ME, THAT PILLAR SHALL NOT BREAK!!

I INHERITED THE WILL OF THE FIRST LORD, THE SECOND LORD, AND OF KONOHA—

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY TO DESTROY KONOHA-GAKURE...

I AM THE THIRD HOKAGE !!!

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...AND DEFEND THE HOUSE OF KONOHA!!

A NEW HOKAGE WHO INHERITS MY WILL SHALL EMERGE AS ITS PILLAR...

RIGHT... FOURTH HOKAGE ...?

SEALING JUTSU! SHIKIFÛJIN! REAPER DEATH SEAL!!

OROCHIMARU!! LET ME REVEAL FOR YOU MY TRUMP JUTSU, ONE EVEN YOU DON'T KNOW!

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A JUTSU I DON'T KNOW...?

SEALING JUTSU! SHIKIFÛJIN! REAPER DEATH SEAL!!

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I'VE GOT TO HURRY... THIS DARKNESS IS DANGEROUS...

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...THIS SUPPOSED JUTSU...!

THEN SHOW ME...

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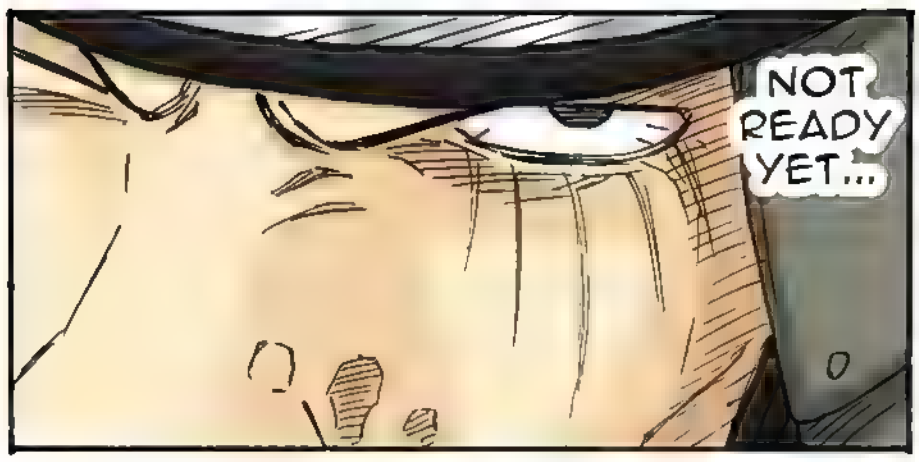

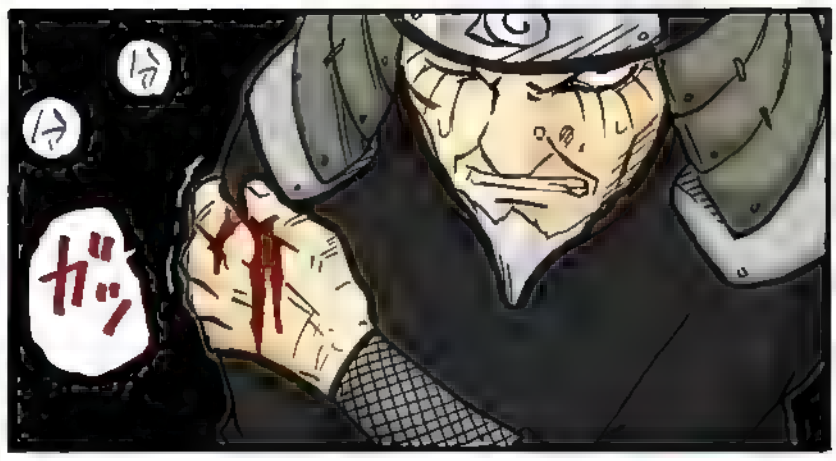

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WHAT IS THE MATTER? REELING FROM FATIGUE ALREADY?

...I MADE IT JUST IN TIME...

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UNH... WHAT IS GOING ON IN THERE...?!

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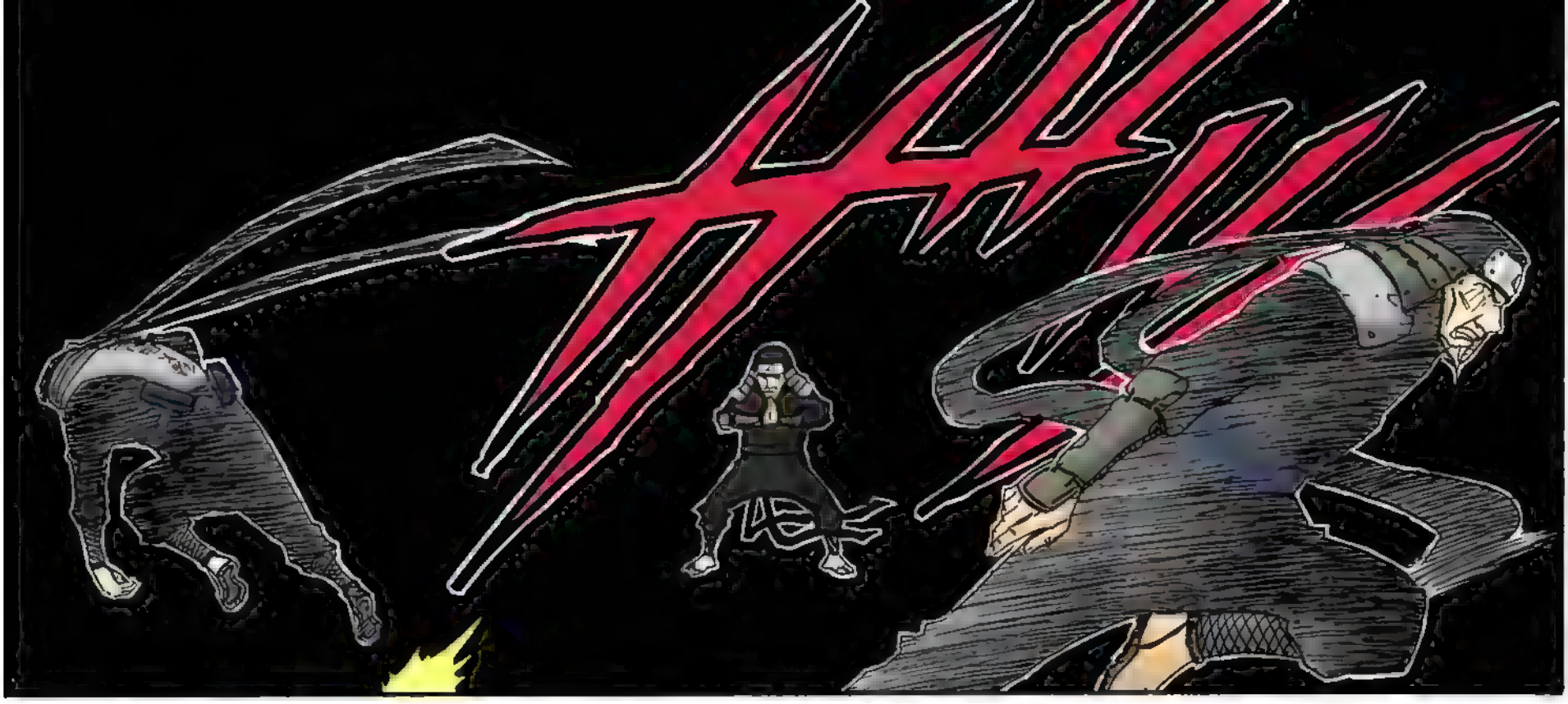

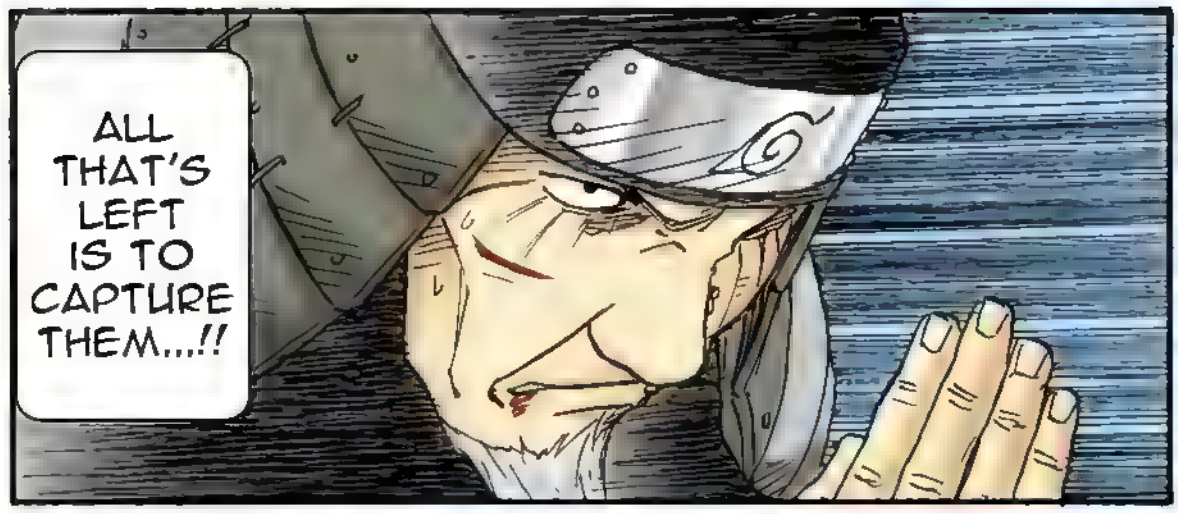

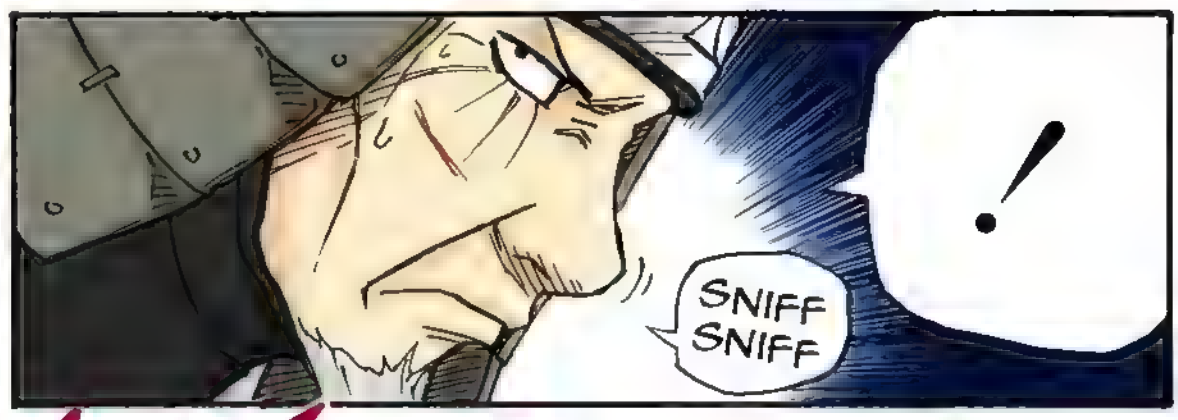

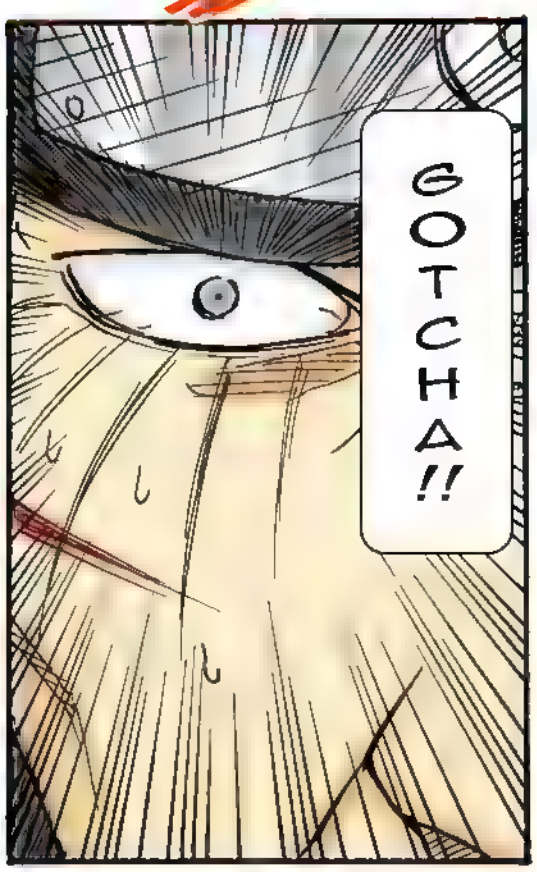

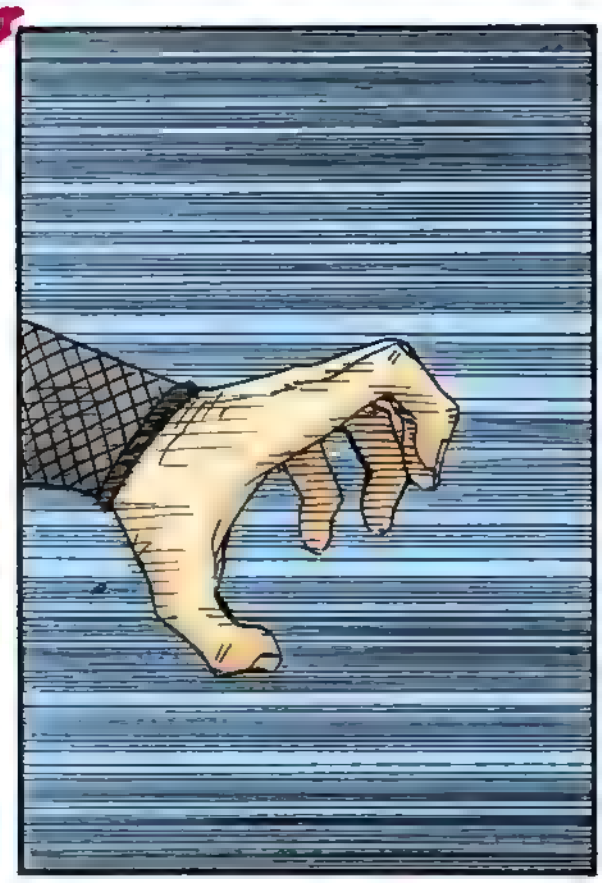

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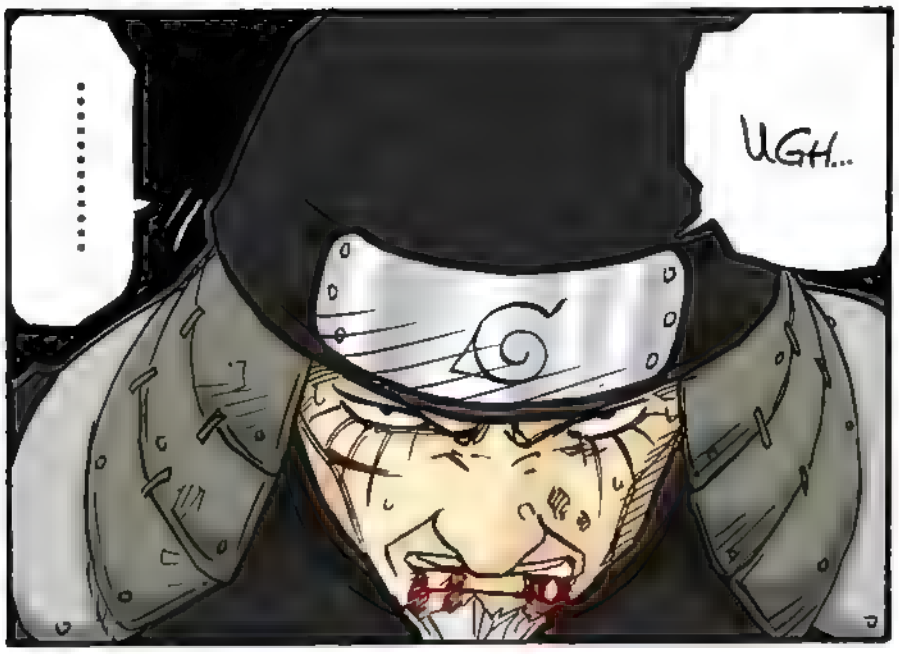
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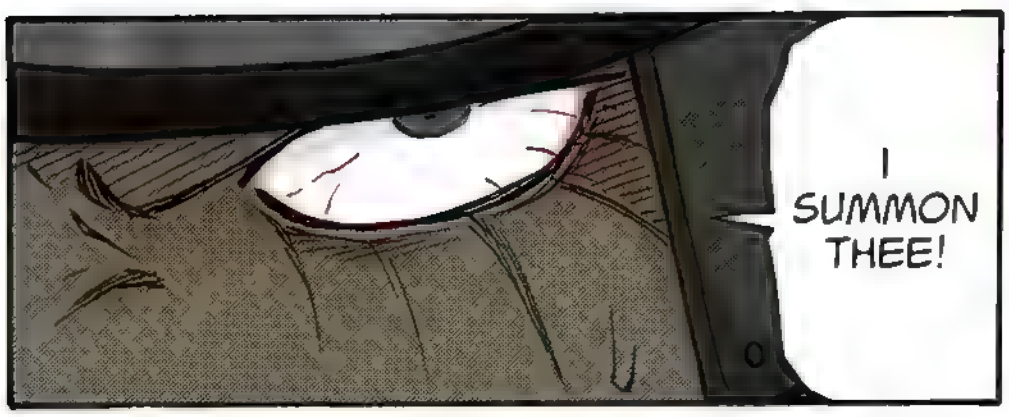
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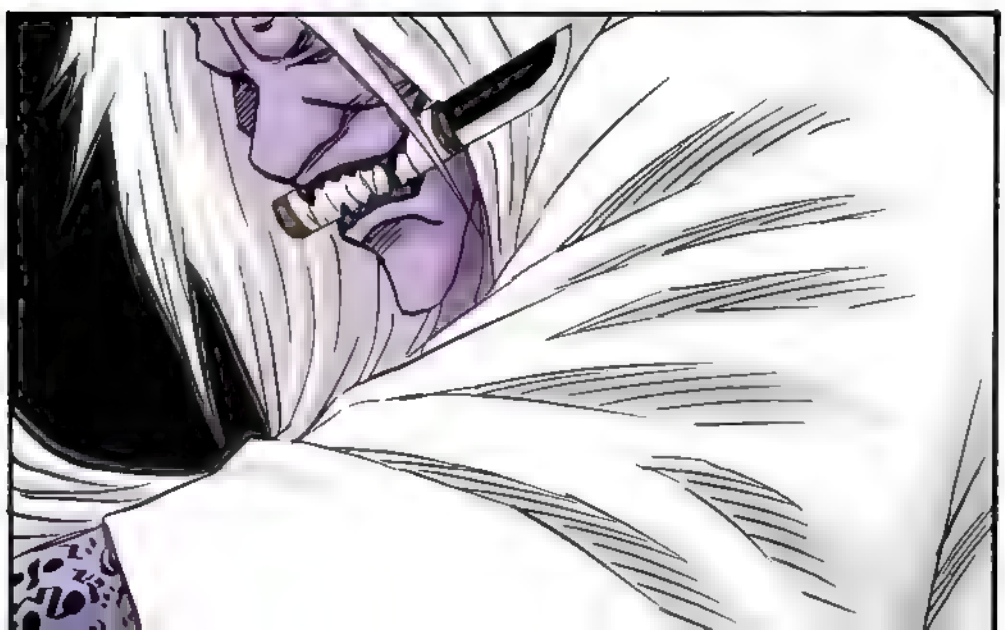

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I WILL NOT LET GO OF YOU...!!

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SARUTOBI!!

THE DARKNESS VANISHED. WHAT IS THIS JUTSU?!

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SO SORRY... SARUTOBI...

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FIRST LORD! SECOND LORD!

PLEASE FORGIVE ME...

FORGIVE US FOR TROUBLING YOU...

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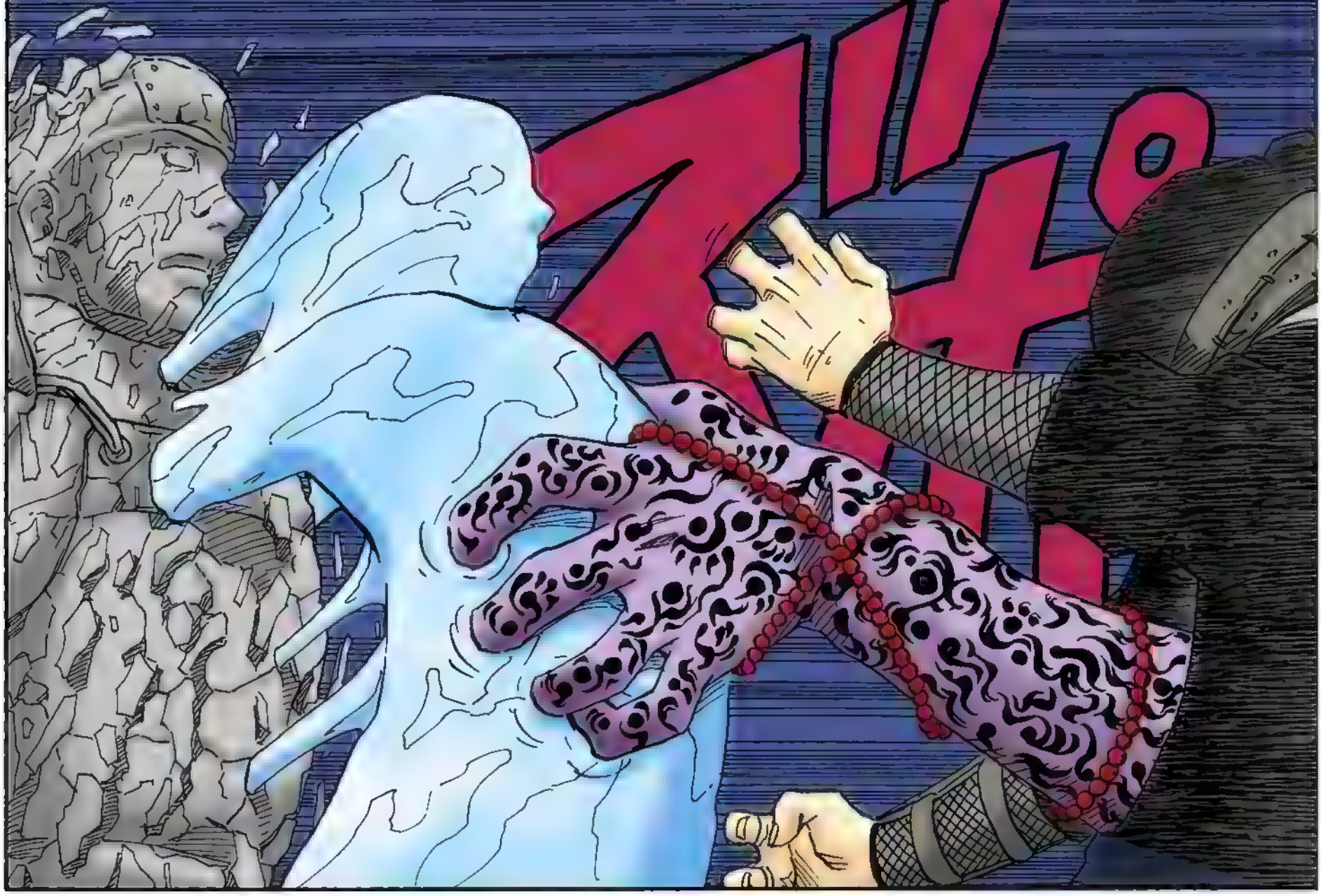
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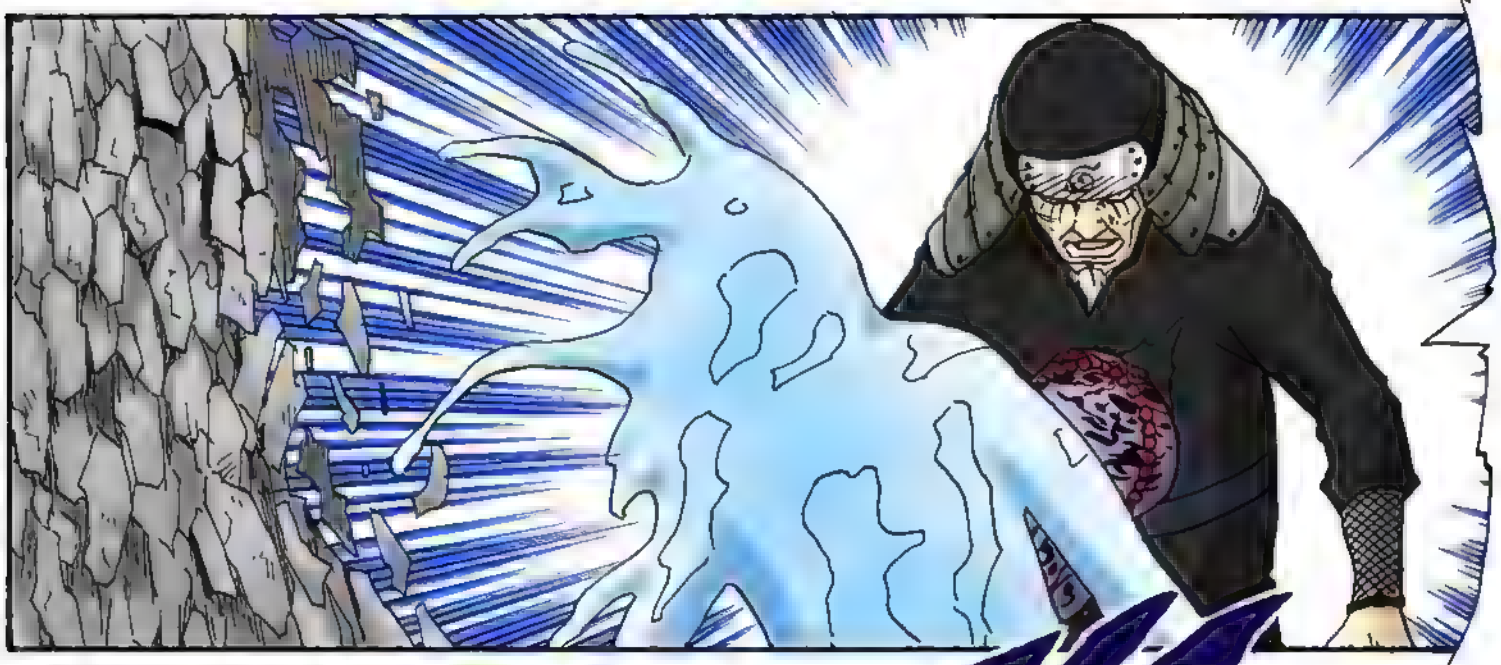
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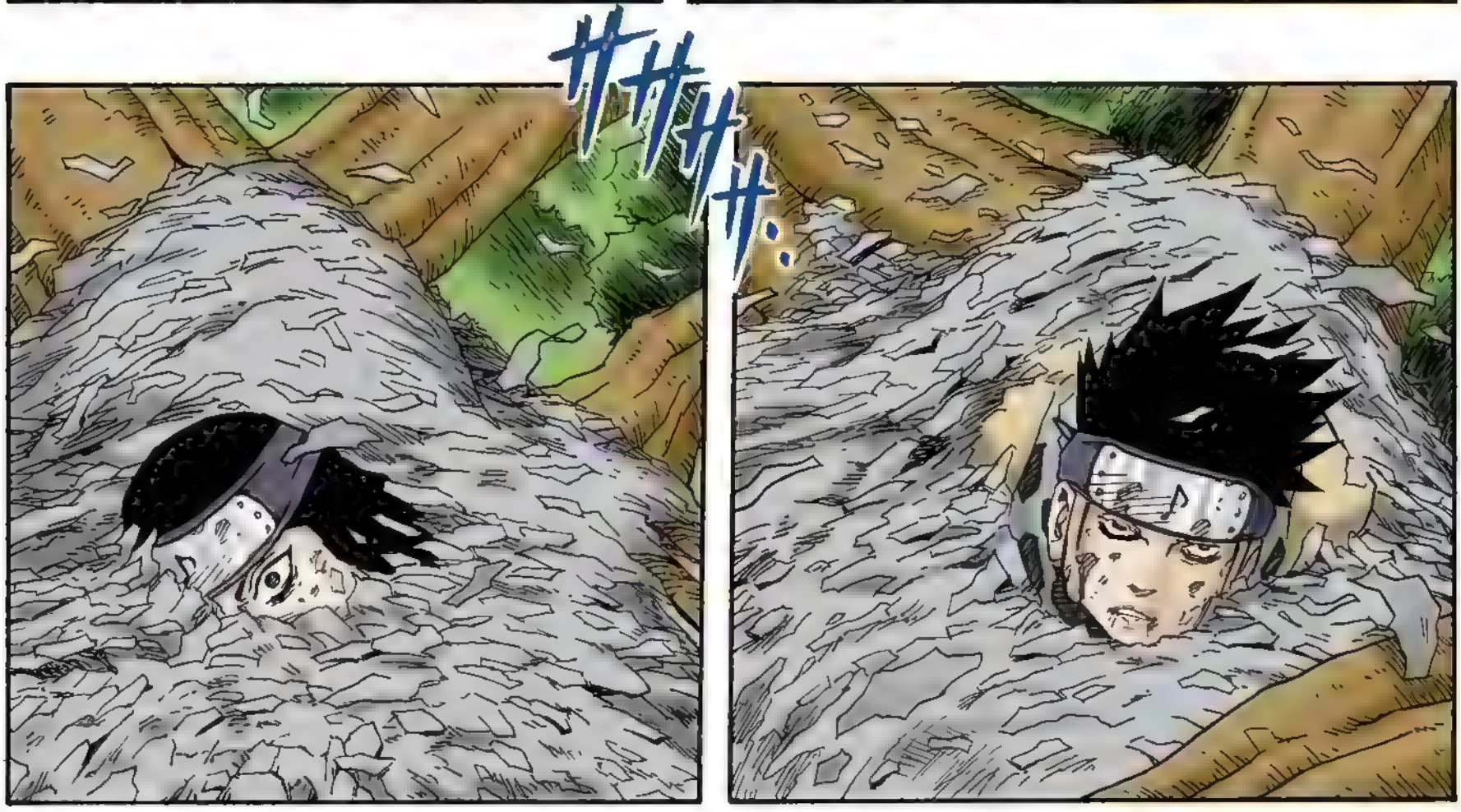

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THE VILLAGERS BELIEVE IN ME, AND I BELIEVE IN ALL OF THEM... THAT IS WHAT BEING HOKAGE MEANS...!

EACH AND EVERY KONOHA COMRADE IS A PART OF MY OWN BODY...

FOR, STARTING TOMORROW, YOU...

SARU... YOU MUST LOVE THE VILLAGE AND PROTECT THOSE WHO TRUST IN YOU. AND THEN, YOU MUST NURTURE THEM, THOSE TO WHOM YOU CAN ENTRUST THE FUTURE...

...MY SUBORDINATES' LIVES? HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP SPOUTING SUCH NONSENSE...?!

...ARE HOKAGE...!!

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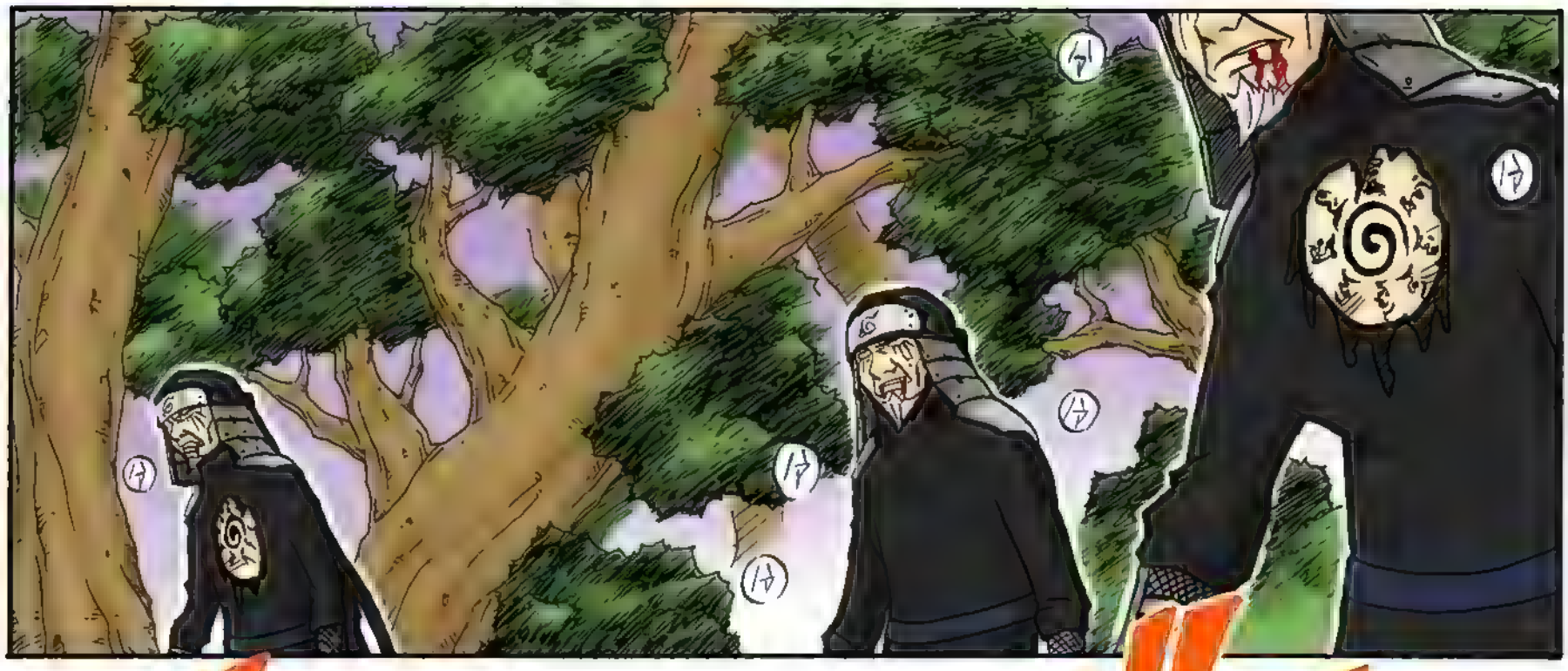

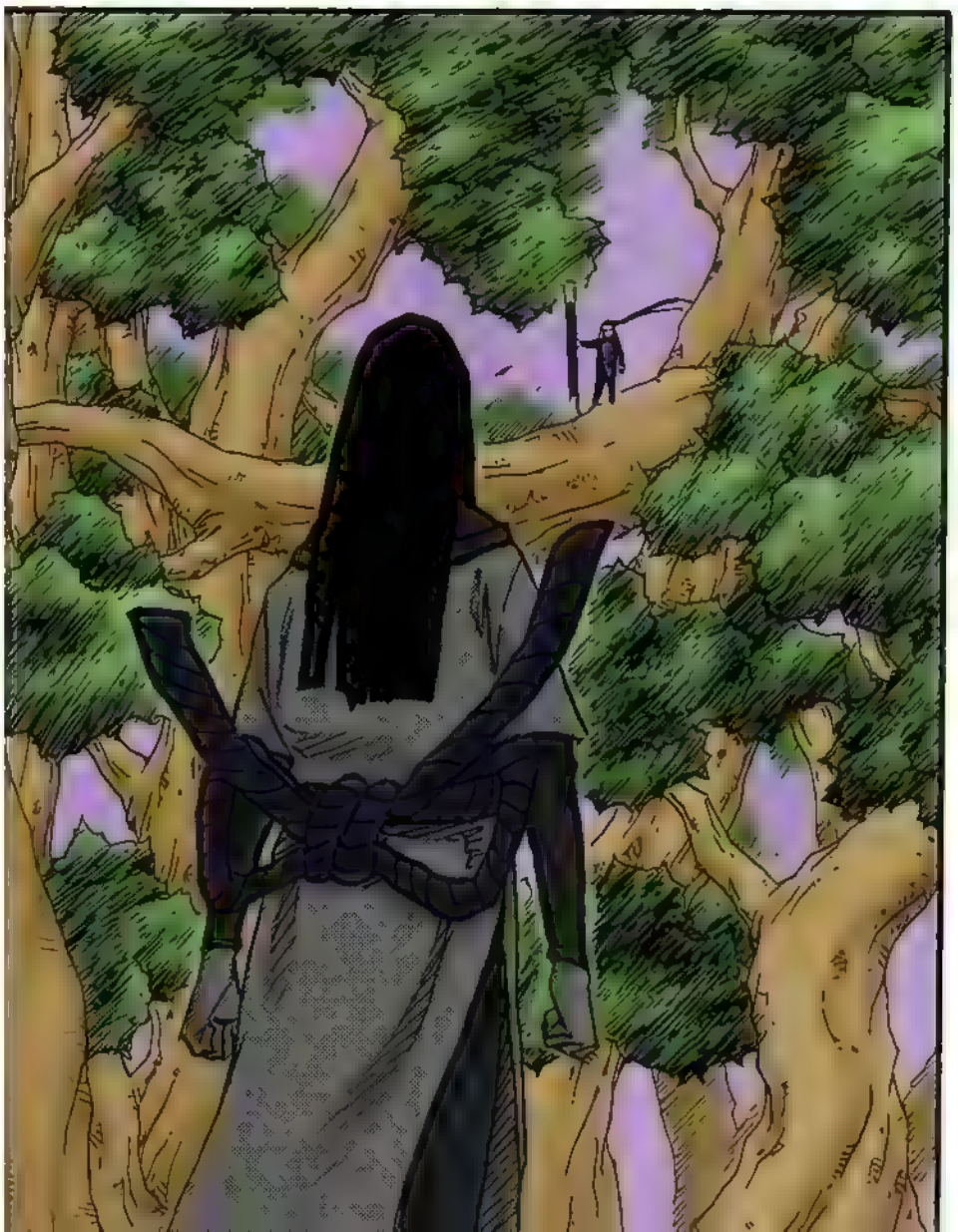

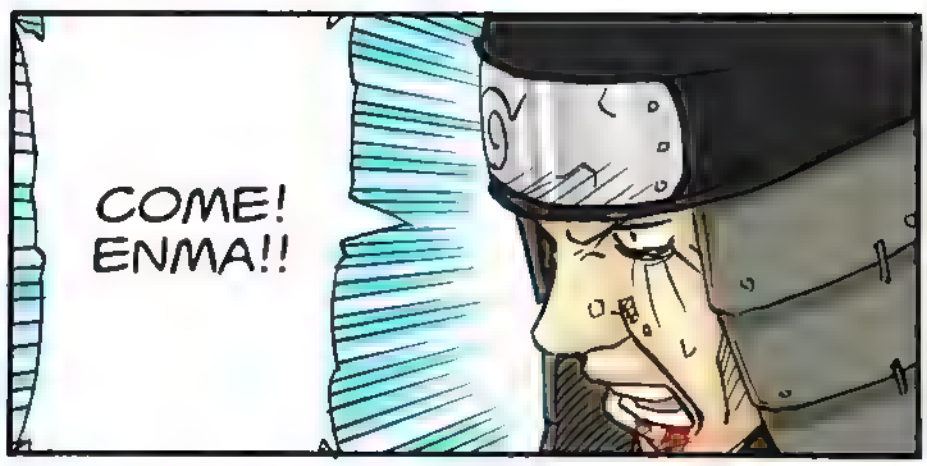

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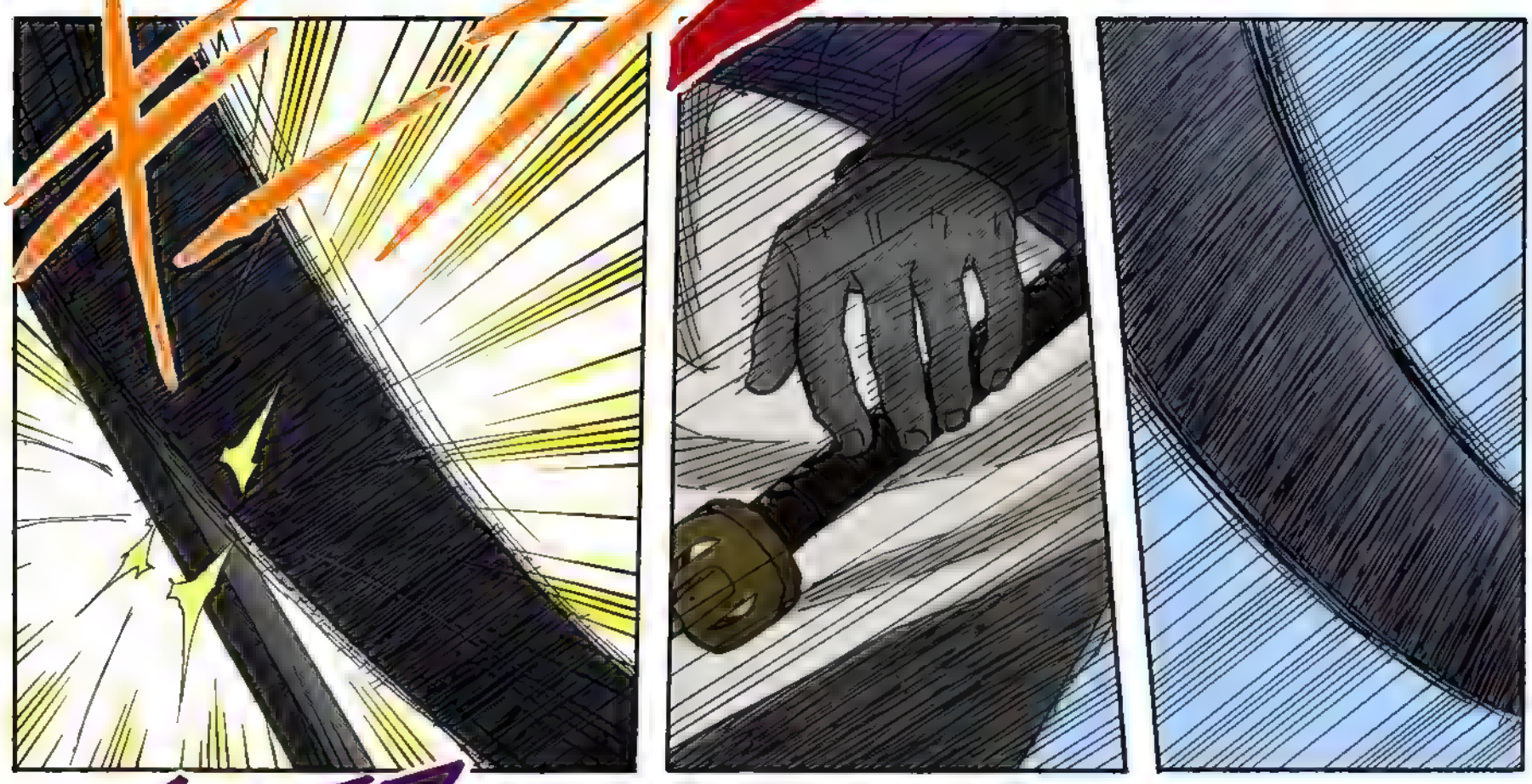

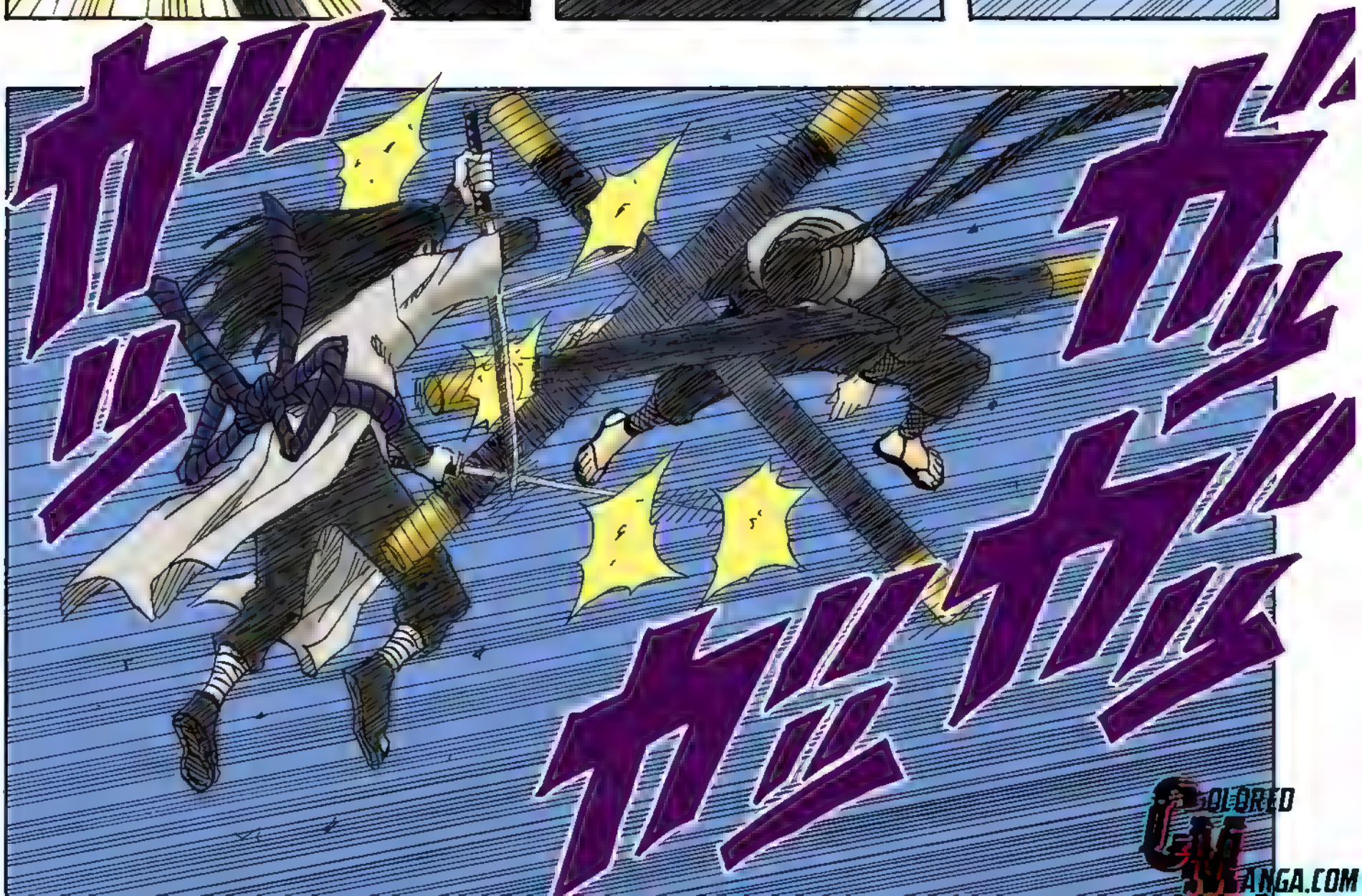

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SEN'-EIJA-SHU! STRI-KING SNAKE TECH-NIQUE!!

AGHH! YOU!!

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THIS IS IT, THE END!!

WHAT IS HAPPE-NING TO ME ...?

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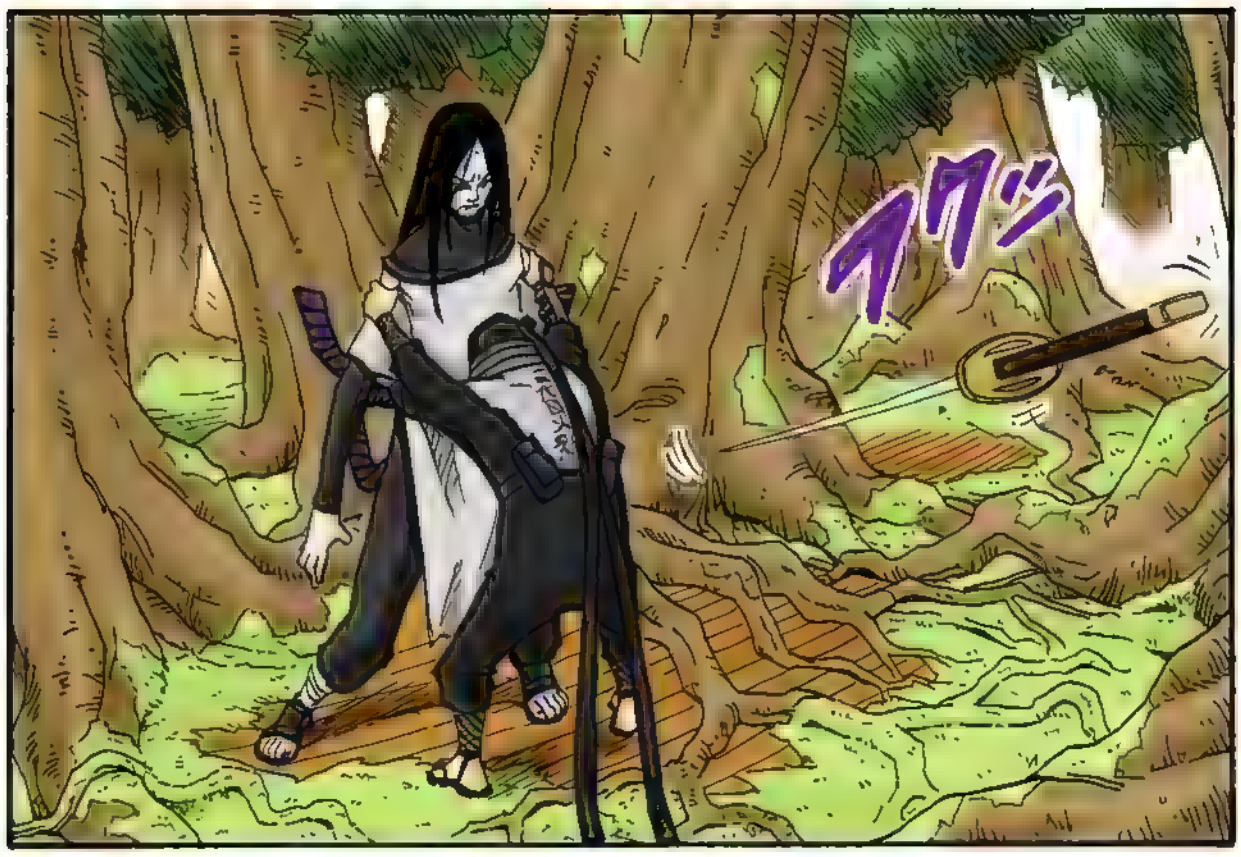

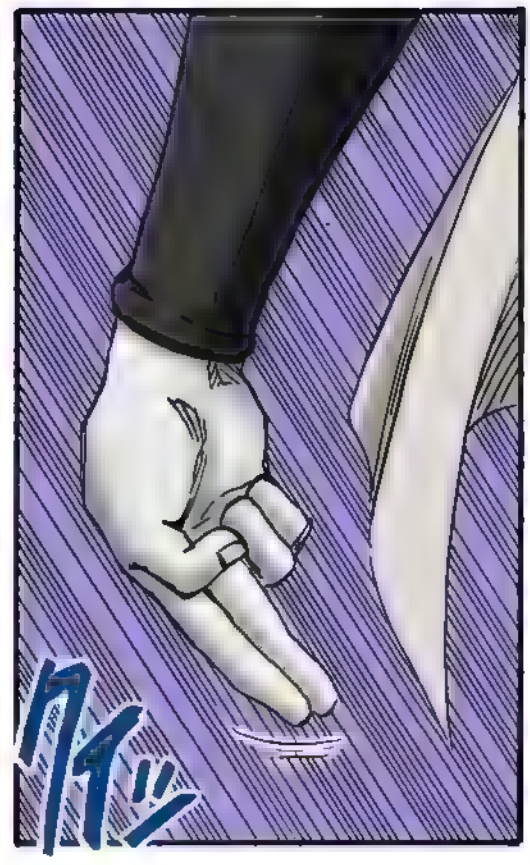

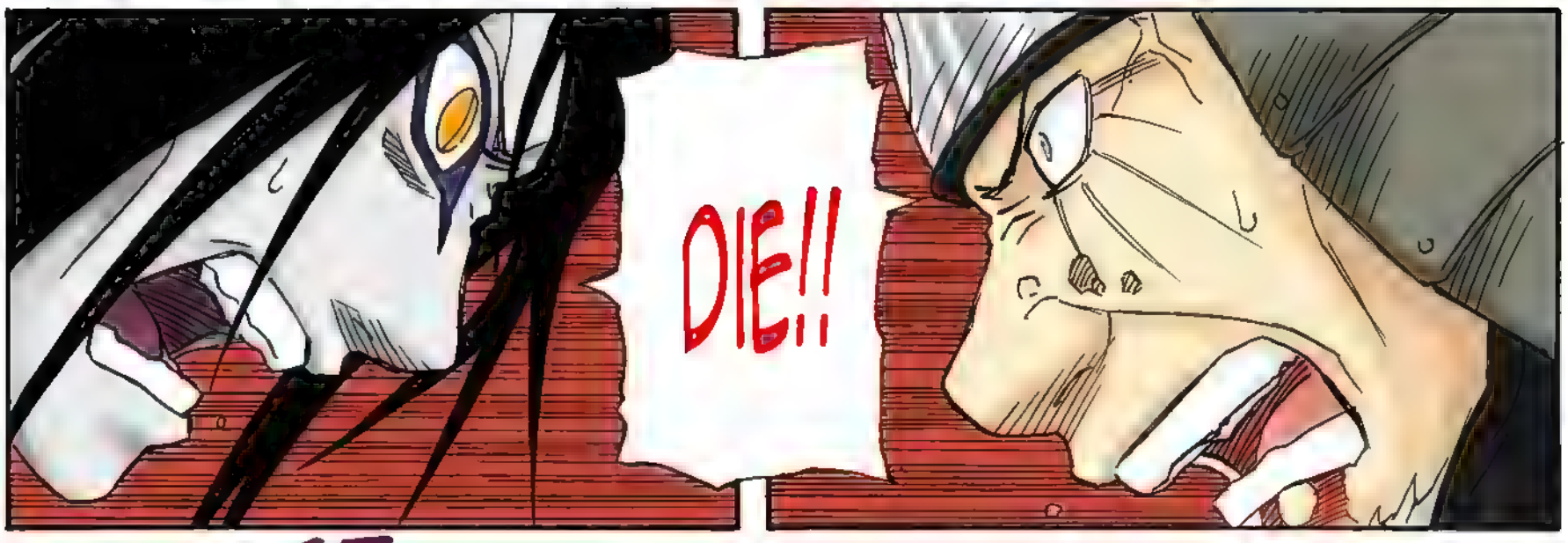

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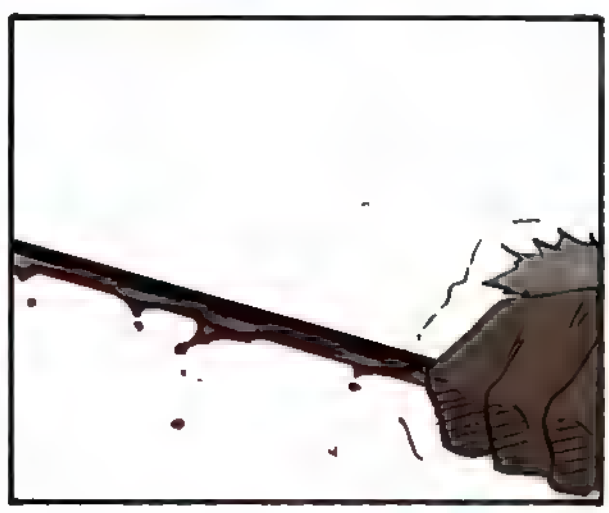

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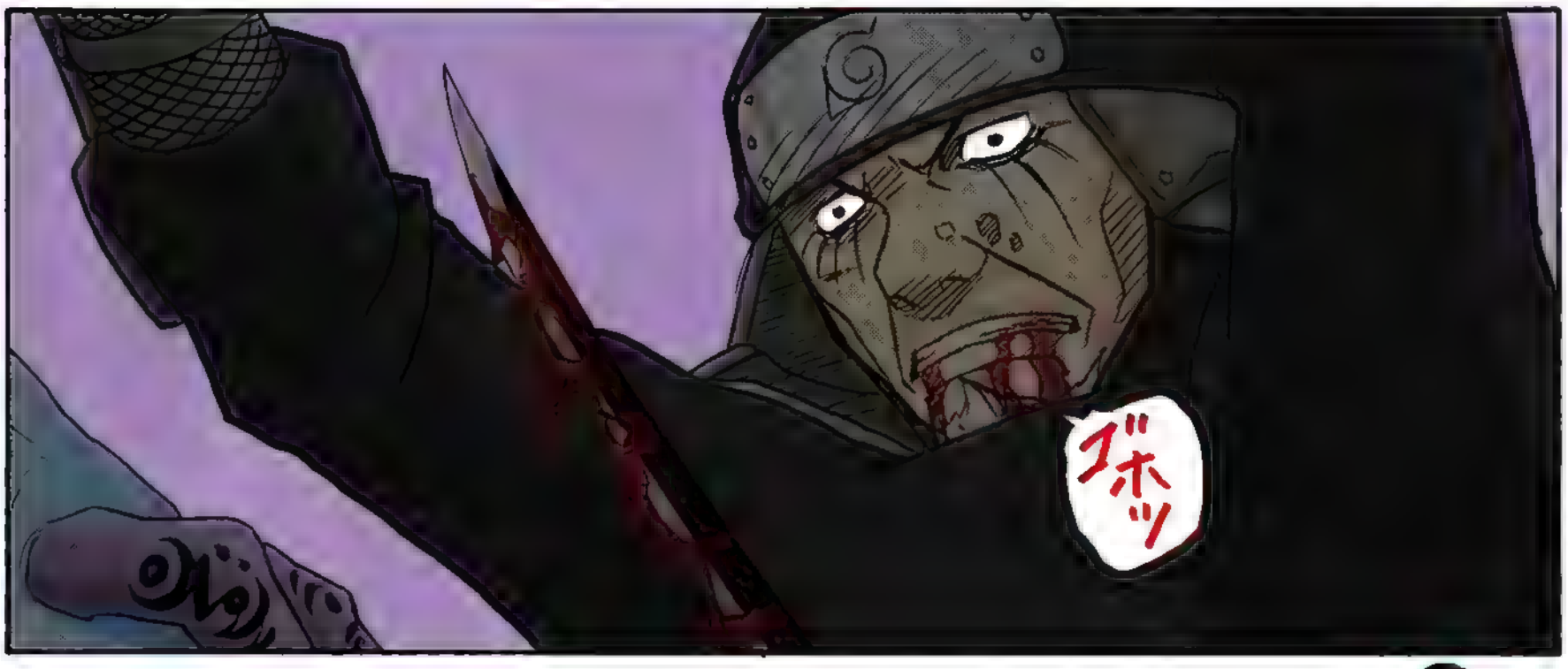

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WHY... DIDN'T YOU EVADE...?!

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NO ...!!

UGH... I CAN'T INITIATE... ANY JUTSU...

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...THIS... JUTSU, YOU SEE...

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THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T EVADE YOUR BLADE...

I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAY!!

THE CASTER MUST HAND OVER THEIR SOUL TO THE GOD OF DEATH FOR THE JUTSU TO WORK...

IT'S A SEALING JUTSU. IT REQUIRES THE COMPLETE SACRIFICE OF ONE'S LIFE.

...AND THROUGH THIS JUTSU...

...THIS JUTSU BELONGED TO THE HERO WHO ONCE SAVED THIS VILLAGE.

UNH...

AS SOON AS THE SEAL IS COMPLETED, MY SOUL WILL BE DEVOURED.

SO THIS IS WHAT WAS USED...

...TO SEAL THE NINE-TAILED FOX, EH...!!

YOU TOO SHALL DIE!!

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I CAN'T MOVE...

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INDEED... I SHALL PULL YOUR SOUL OUT OF YOUR BODY...

AND BIND IT...!

...ALREADY HALF YOUR SOUL HAS BEEN PULLED FROM YOU...

YOU... WILL SEE SOON ENOUGH...

...THEIR SOULS SHALL TANGLE AND BATTLE EACH OTHER WITH DEEP HATRED FOREVER...

BOTH THE CASTER AND THE SEALED...

BUT SUFFER FOR ETERNITY INSIDE THE BELLY OF THE GOD OF DEATH...

THOSE SOULS BOUND... USING THIS JUTSU... WILL NEVER REST IN PEACE...

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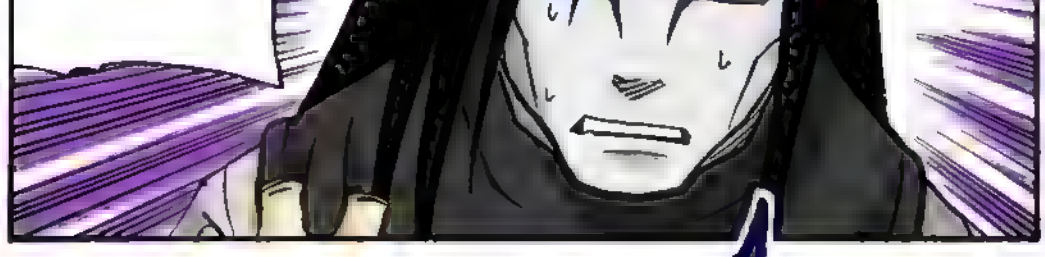
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THAT'S... THE GOD OF DEATH?!

YOU DO NOT GET YOUR WAY... OLD MAN!

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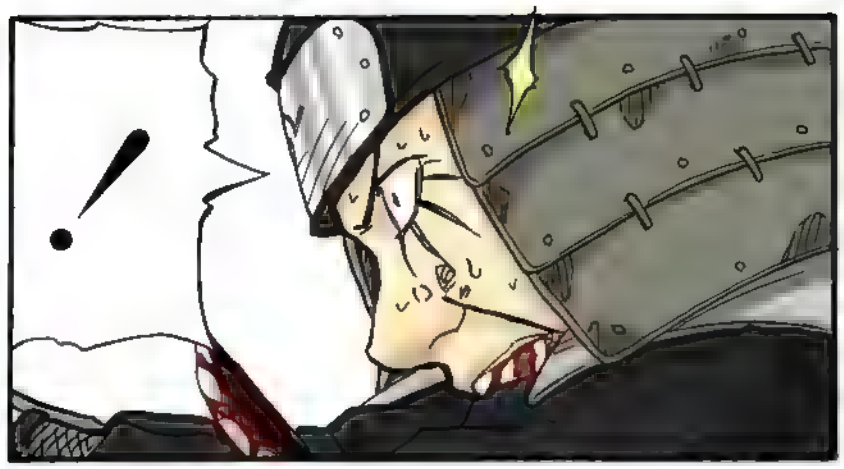

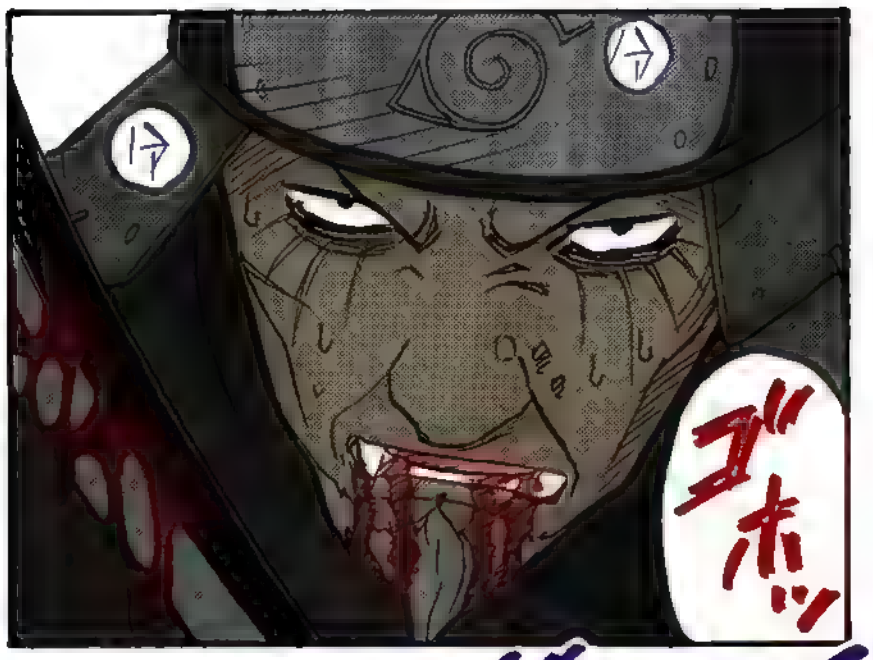

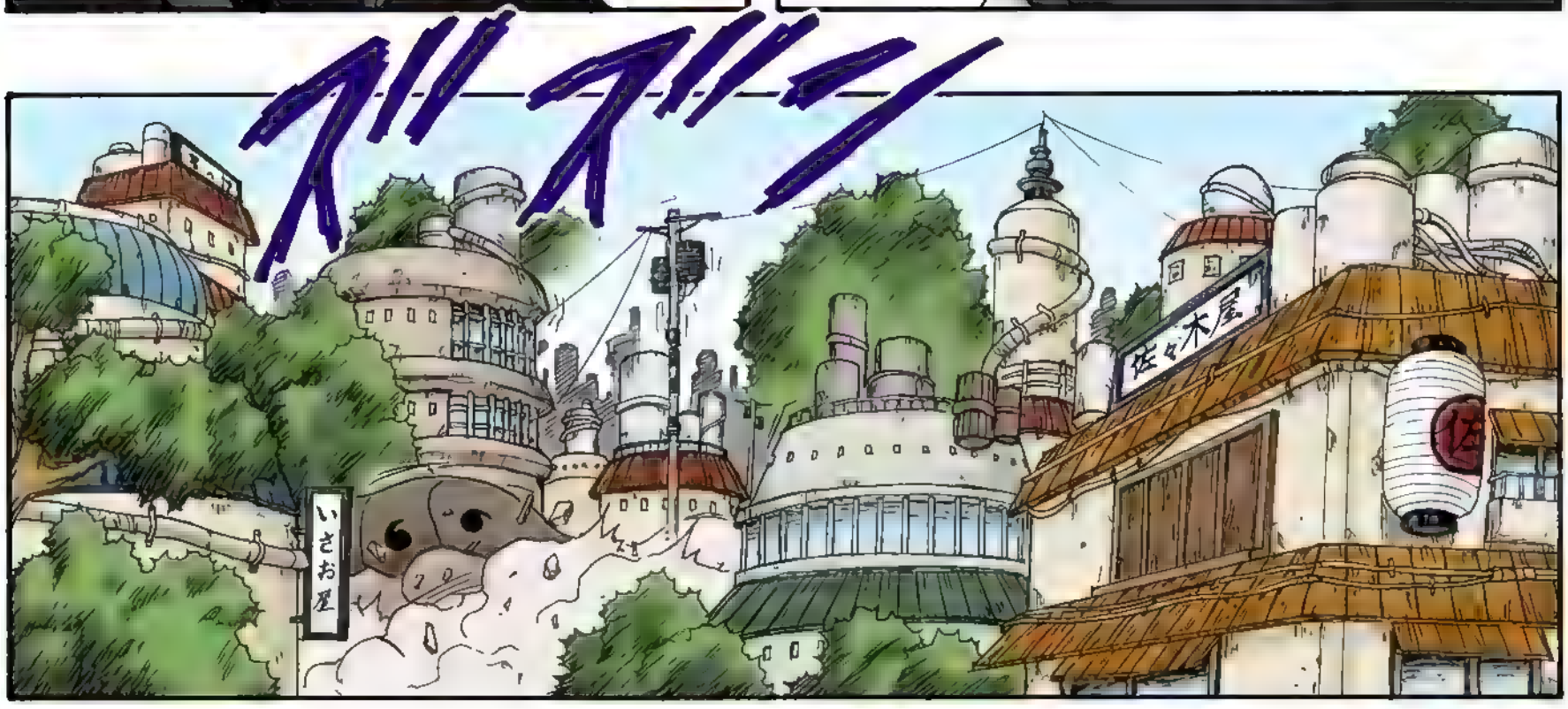

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NINJA ART: KUCHIYOSE! SUMMONING!! YATAIKUZUSHI NO JUTSU! MAYHEM TECHNIQUE!!

GRRR... THIS IS OUT OF CONTROL !!

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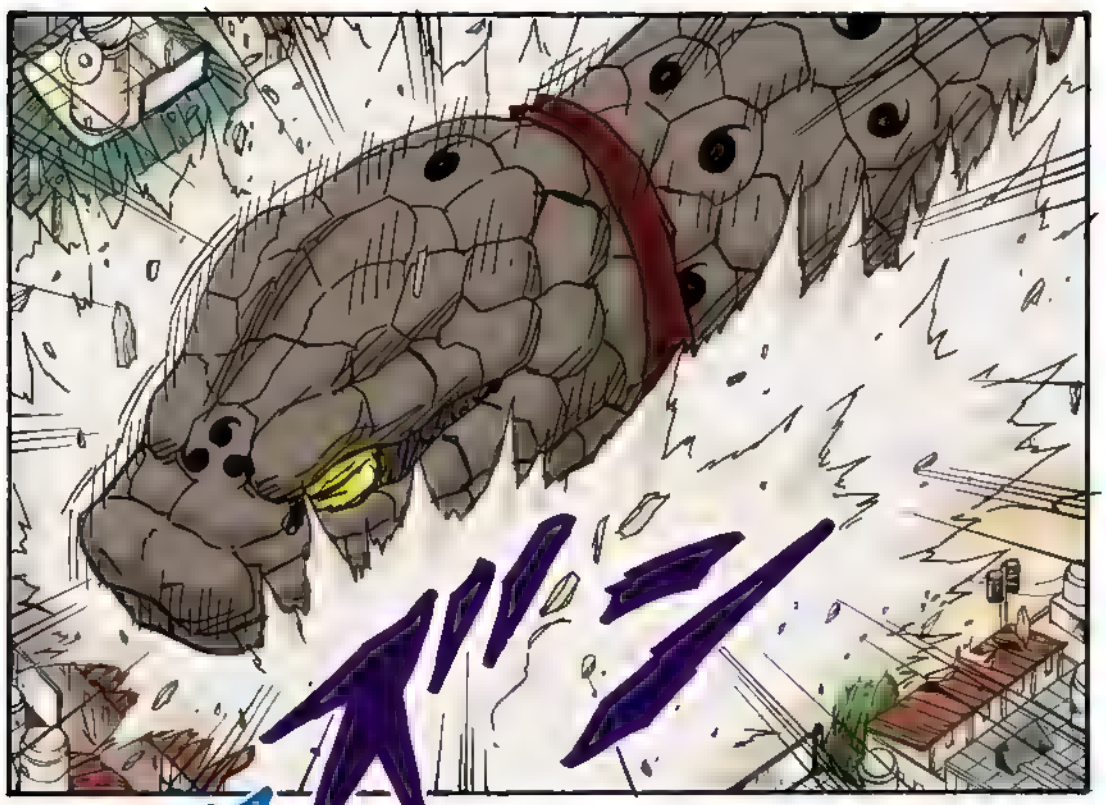

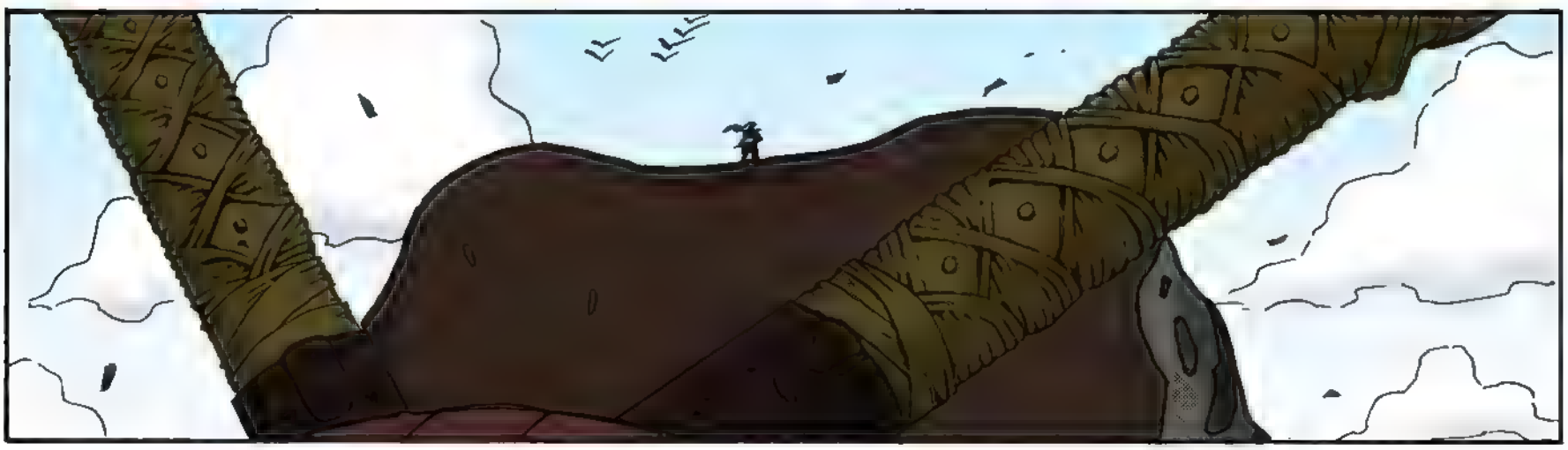

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THANK THE HEAVENS!!

HERE COMES THE UNORTHODOX NINJA SAGE JIRAIYA! HERE TO RUN AMOK AMONG ALL THE OTHER-WORLDLY CREATURES!!

YOU BABY CHICKS!! OPEN WIDE THOSE BEADY LITTLE EYES OF YOURS AND WATCH CLOSELY!!

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BEGONE!!

YONDER SNAKES TRAPPED BY MY TOAD'S STARE!!

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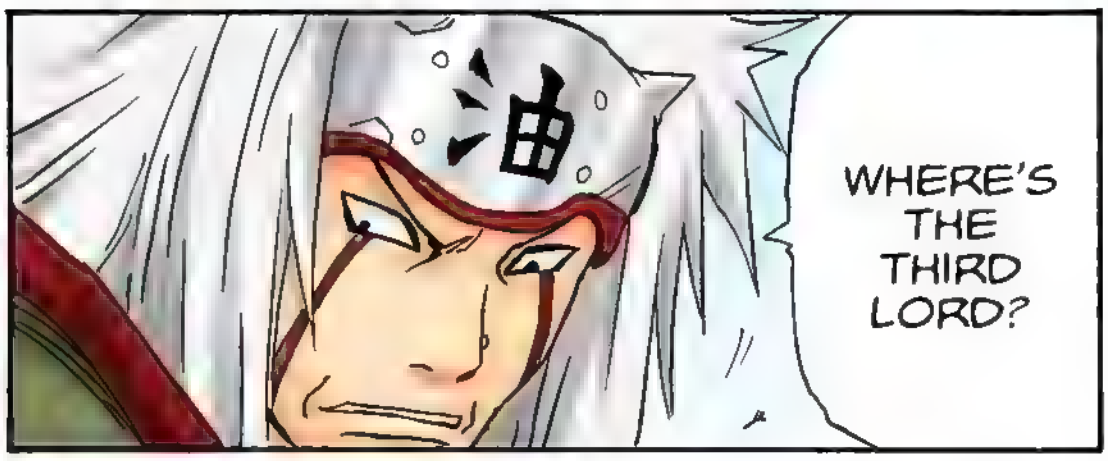
SO IT HAS BEGUN, EH... OROCHIMARU...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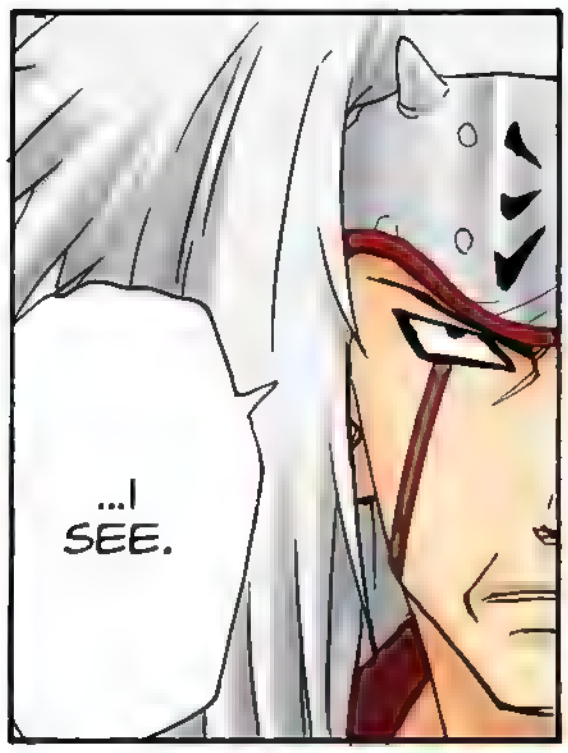
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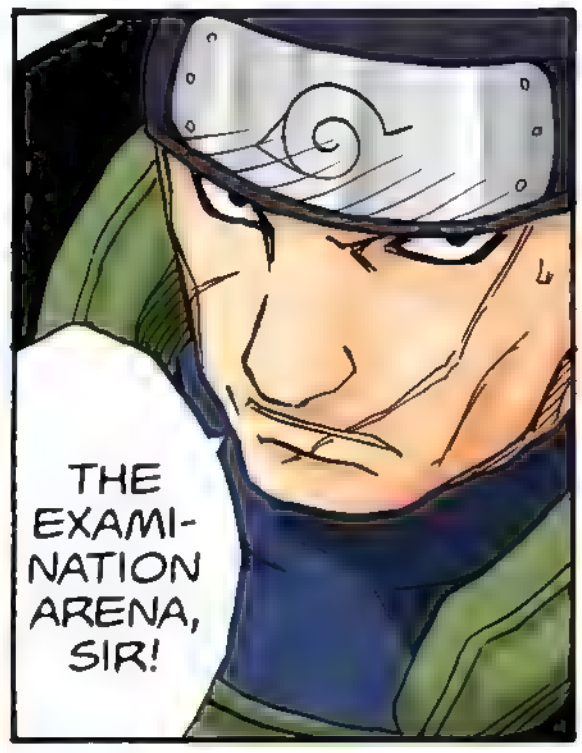
THE EXAMI-NATION ARENA, SIR!

... OLD MAN
DON'T YOU DARE DIE...

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YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

SASUKE'S STOPPED MOVING...

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HE'S STILL TOO FAR AWAY...!

ALL RIGHT!!

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WHAT'S THIS SCENT?... HUH...

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COMRADES, THERE ARE OTHERS PURSUING SASUKE ALSO!

ARE THEY FRIENDS?! FOES?!

WHAT?!

THEY'RE NOT HUMAN!

JUST THAT...

...I CAN'T TELL...

!?

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TEMARI, TAKE GAARA AND GO ON AHEAD!

!

I SUPPOSE WE HAVE NO CHOICE... I'LL TAKE YOU ON!

.....

ALL RIGHT...

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NO...!
I WILL BE
YOUR
OPPONENT...!

YOU'RE...

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WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!

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...THE MALE OF THE SAME SPECIES CAN STILL DETECT IT...

EVEN THOUGH IT IS ALMOST ODORLESS...

BEFORE YOU LEFT THE ARENA, I HAD MY BEETLES MARK YOU WITH A FEMALE SCENT.

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...UGH...!

I'LL FIGHT THIS ONE...

...ESPECIALLY SINCE I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HIS OPPONENT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

UCHIHA SASUKE... CHASE AFTER GAARA...

YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED YOUR MATCH AGAINST HIM YET.

HUMPH...

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ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

...YOU SOUND PRETTY CONFIDENT, BUT...

UNH...

GO!

LEAVE HIM TO ME.

GIVE ME 10 MINUTES, AND I'LL COME HELP YOU.

I DON'T NEED YOUR CONCERN...

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HUMPH... I'LL BE DONE BY THEN TOO.

HEE HEE HEE ...

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YOU ALL... HAVE NO CLUE WHAT TRUE TERROR IS...

YOU'RE ALL IGNORANT FOOLS!

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YOU'RE GOING TO TEACH ME WHAT THAT TERROR IS?

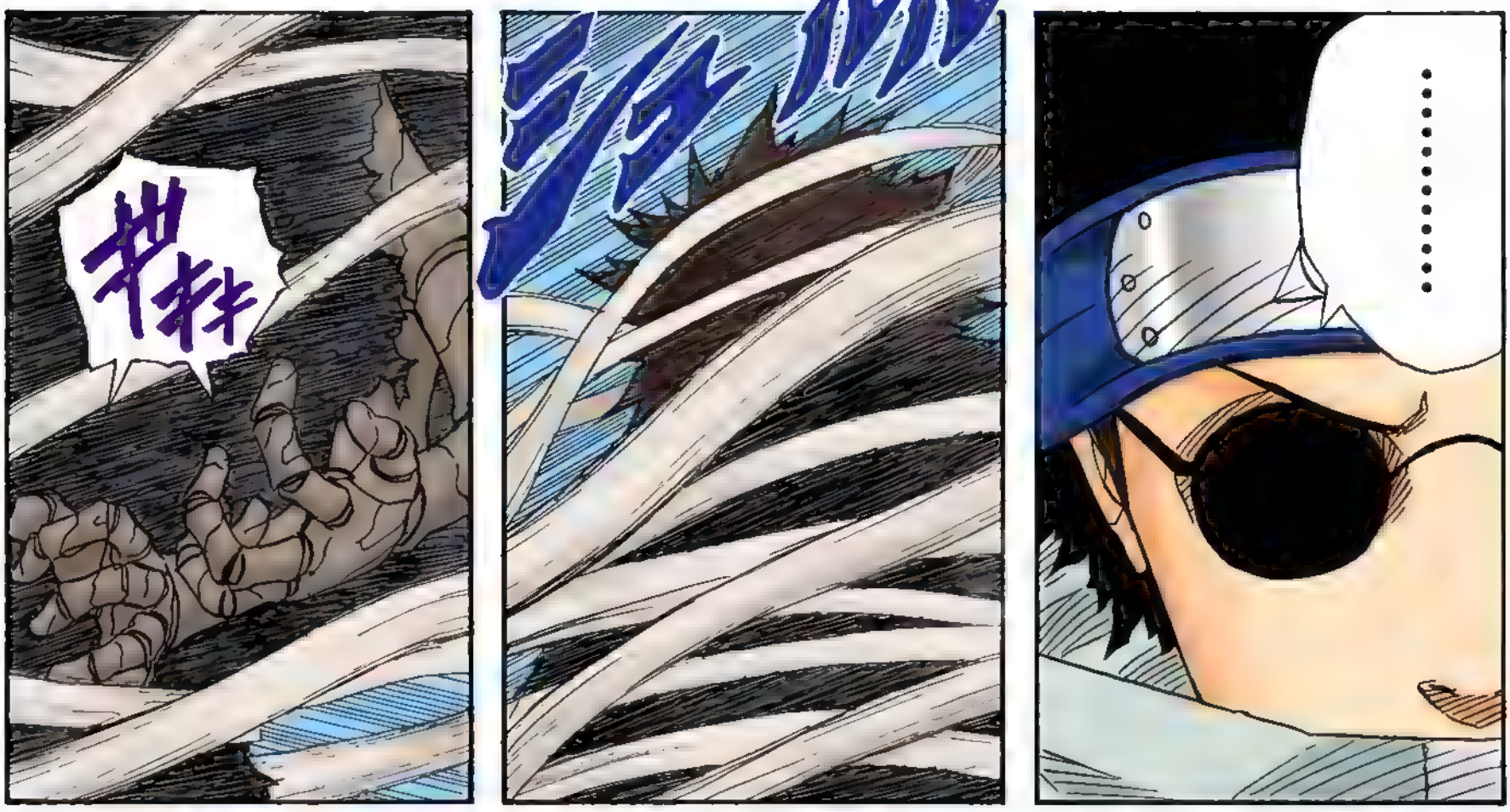
AND YOU...

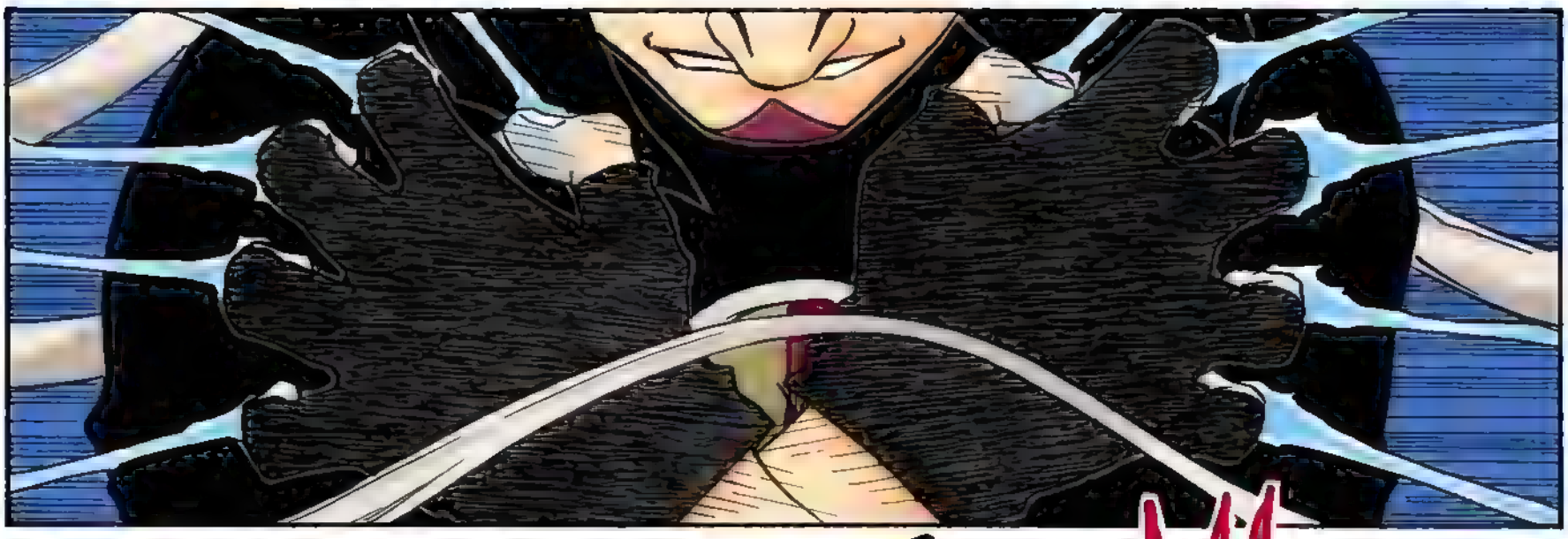
IF YOU TAKE ME DOWN AND CHASE AFTER THEM, YOU'LL FIND OUT WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT...

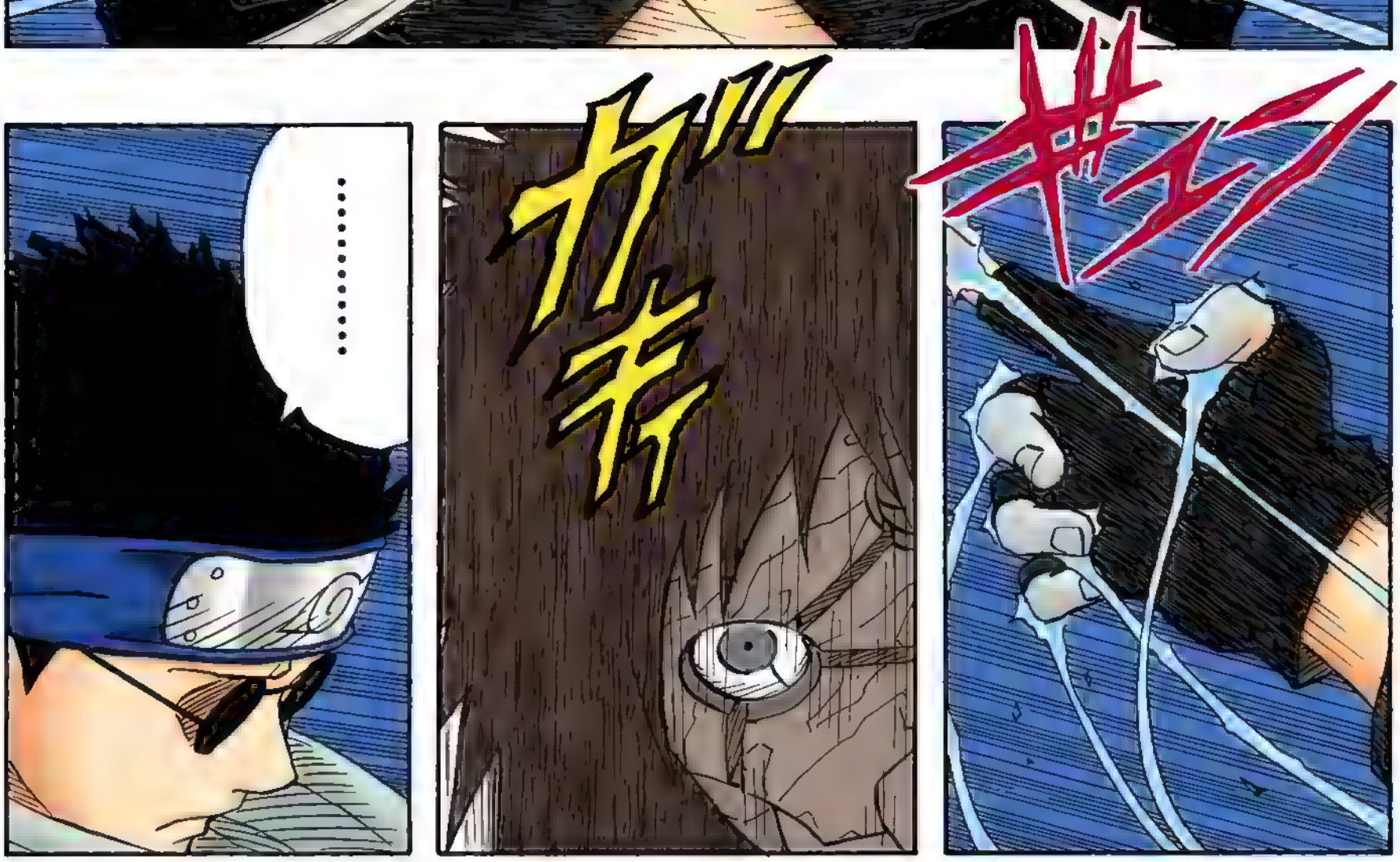
THAT'S IF YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN!

NAH...

KUGUTSU NO JUTSU! ART OF THE PUPPET MASTER!!







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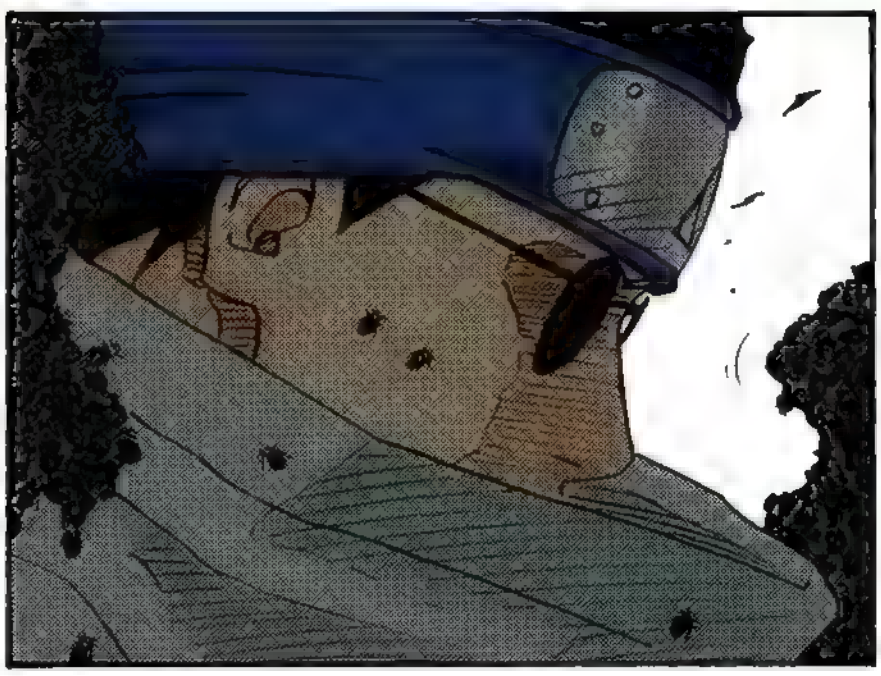

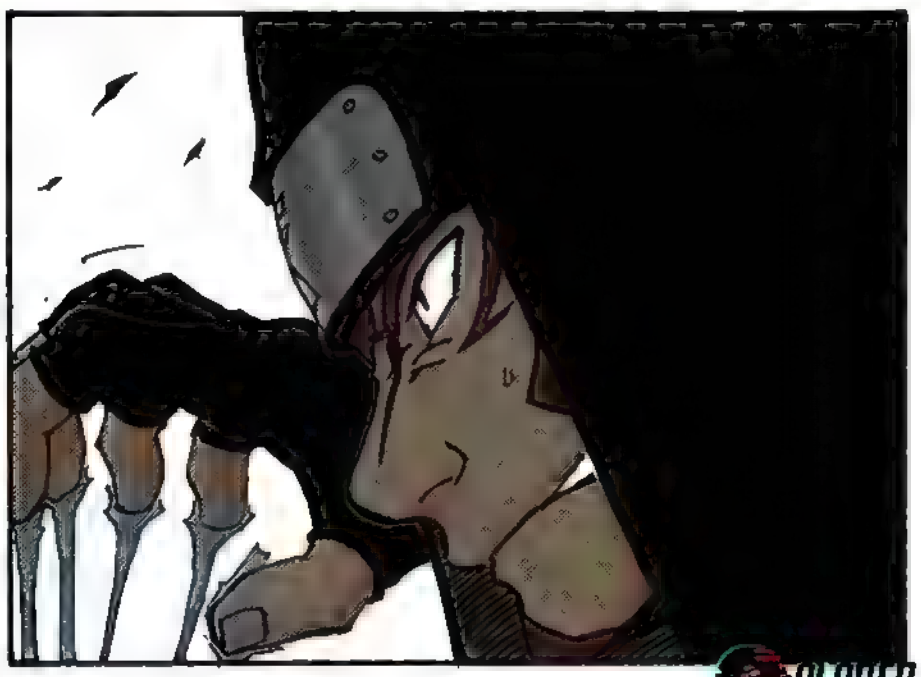

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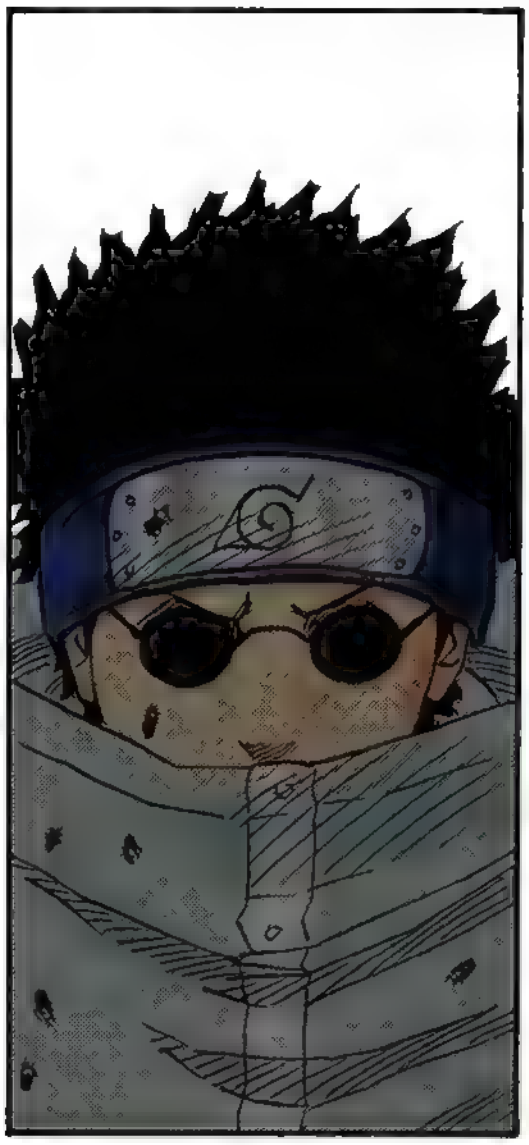

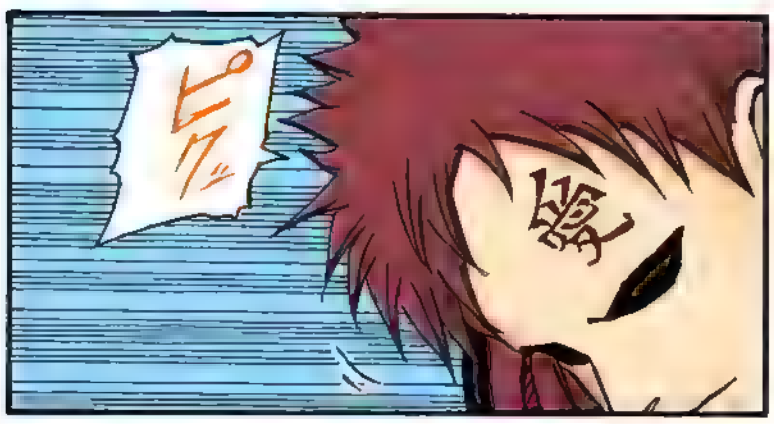

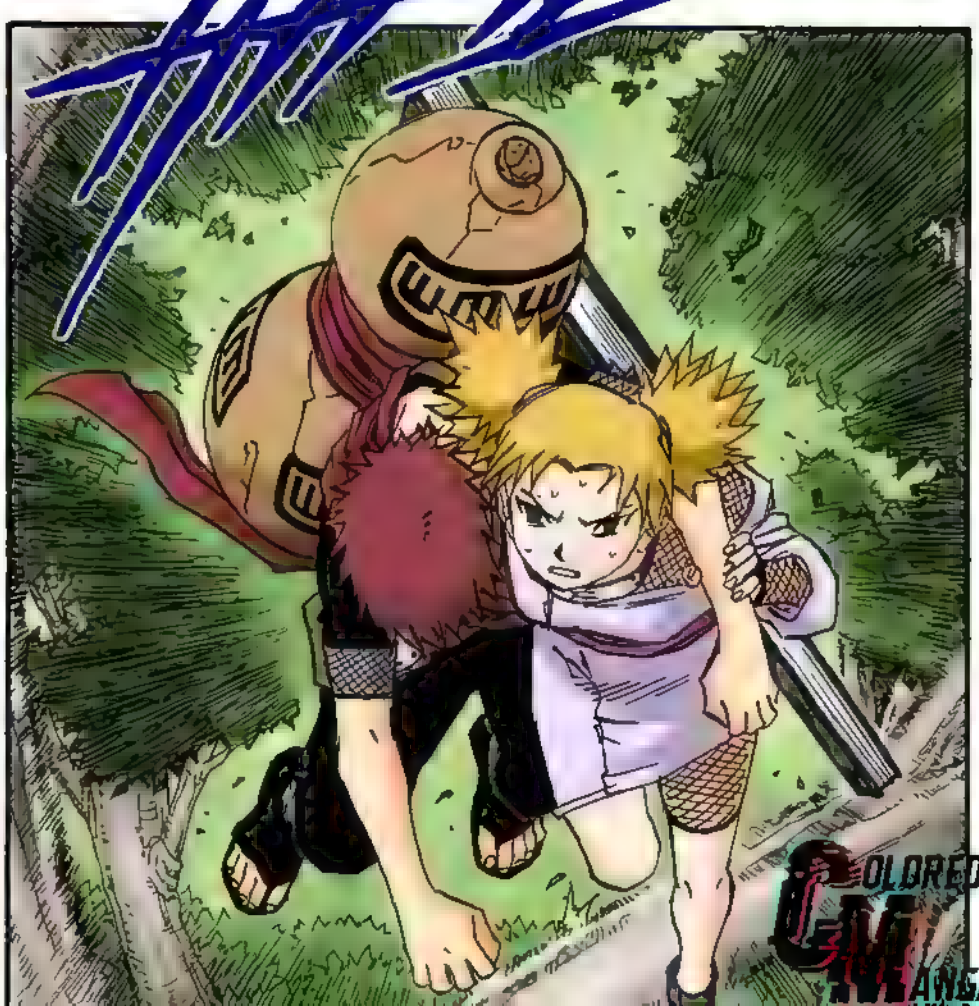

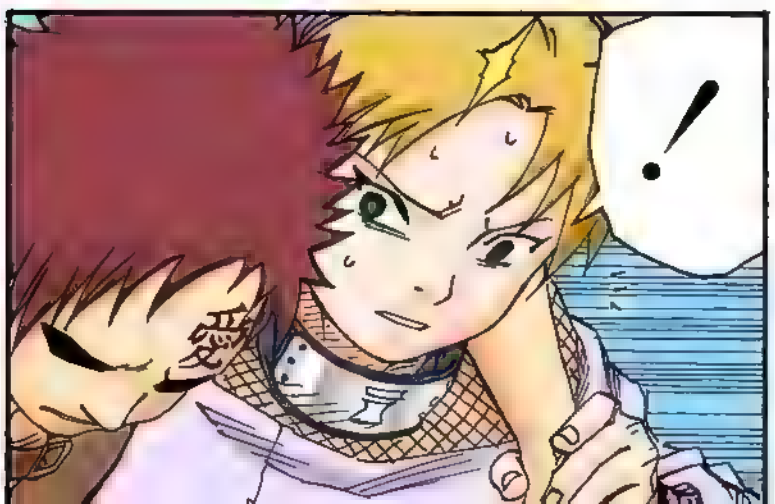

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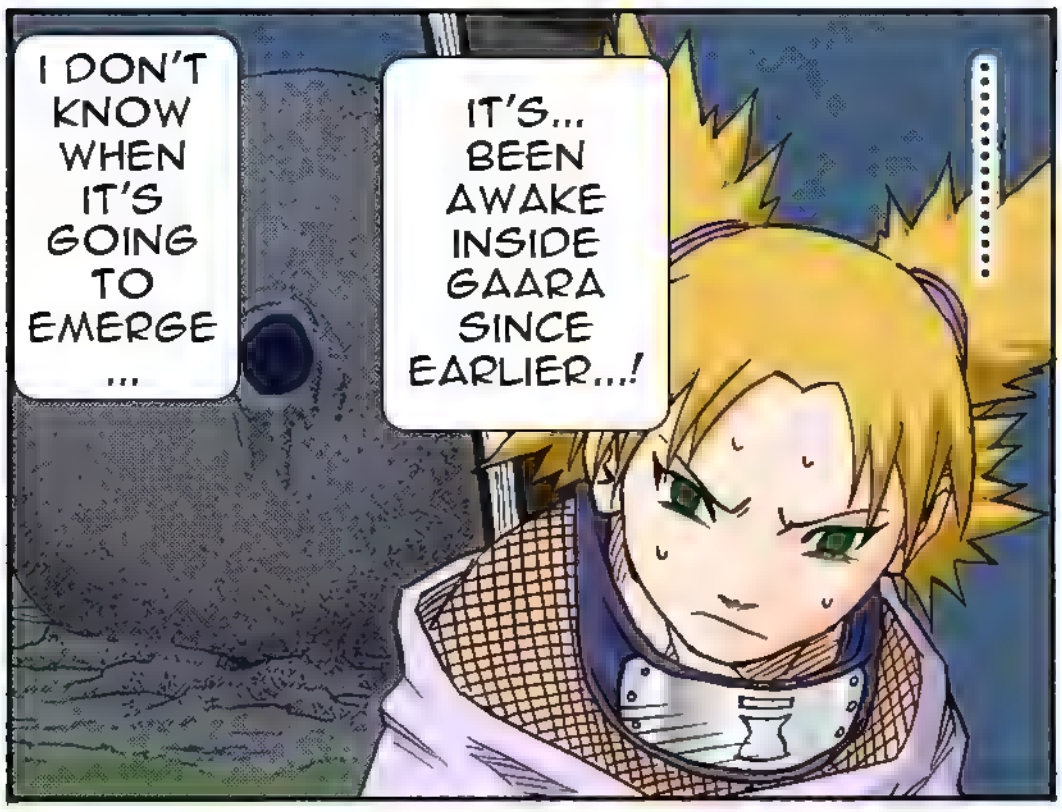
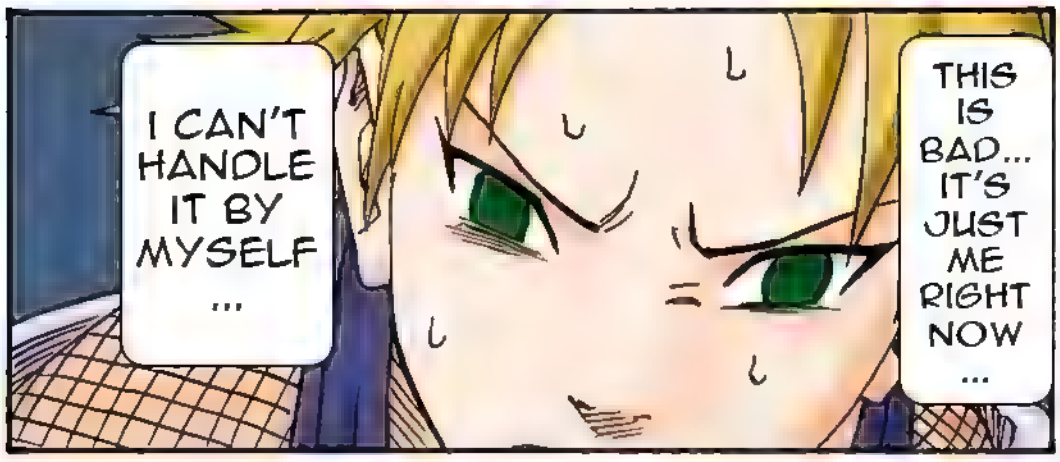
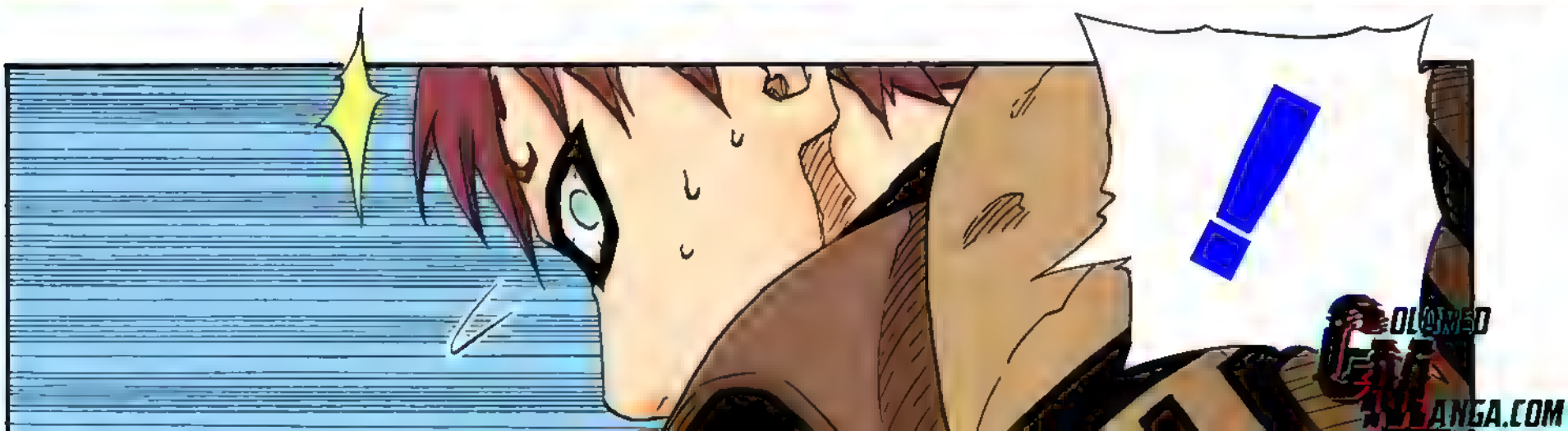
...LET ME DOWN... TEMARI...
YOU'VE COME TO, GAARA!?


I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT'S GOING TO EMERGE ...
IT'S... BEEN AWAKE INSIDE GAARA SINCE EARLIER...!

UGH!


I CAN'T HANDLE IT BY MYSELF ...
THIS IS BAD... IT'S JUST ME RIGHT NOW ...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TEMARI, GET AWAY FROM HERE...

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YOU'RE IN THE WAY!

JUST HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE!

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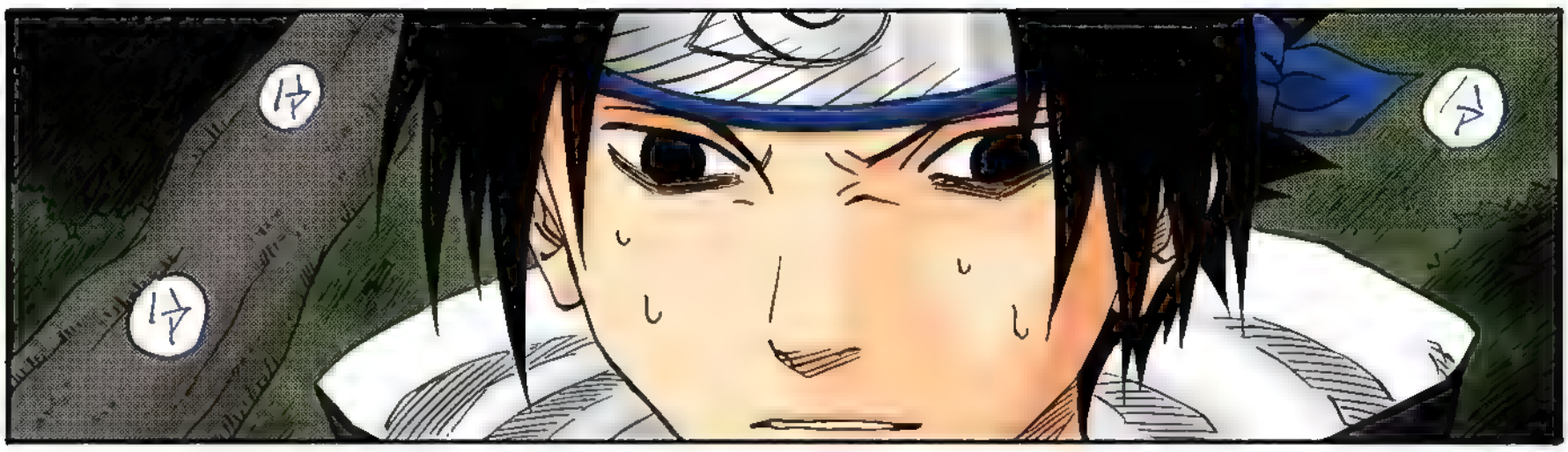

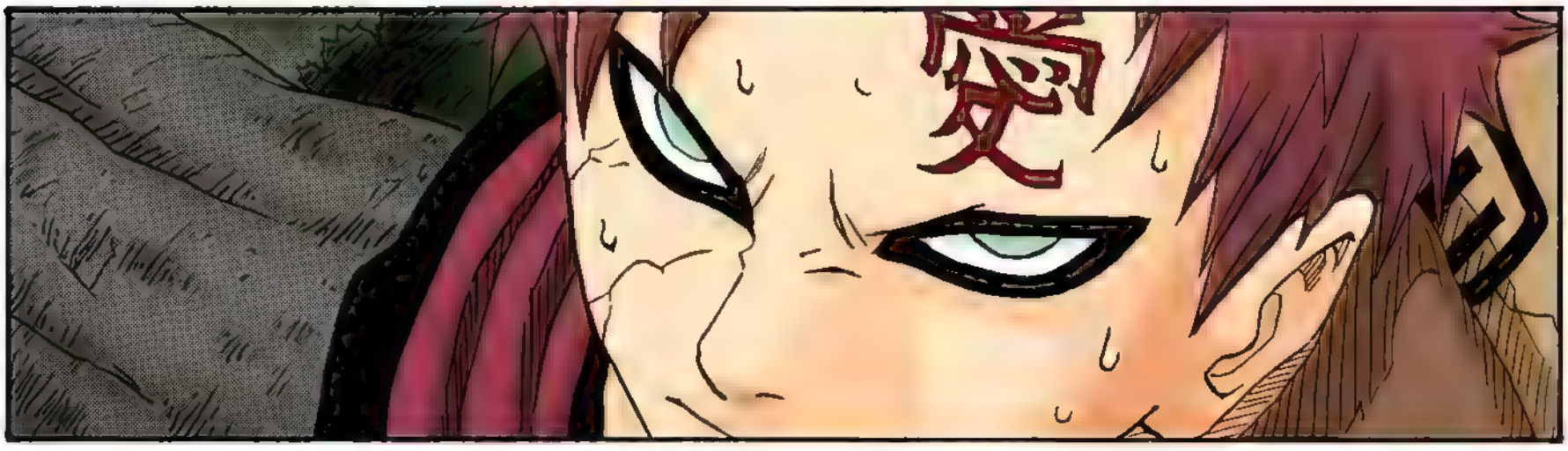

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YOU, I'M GOING TO STOP!

...I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SAND FELLAS ARE PLOTTING, BUT...

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BESIDES...

THAT'S... UCHIHA SASUKE... WHAT'S GOING ON?!

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WHERE'S KANKURO...?!

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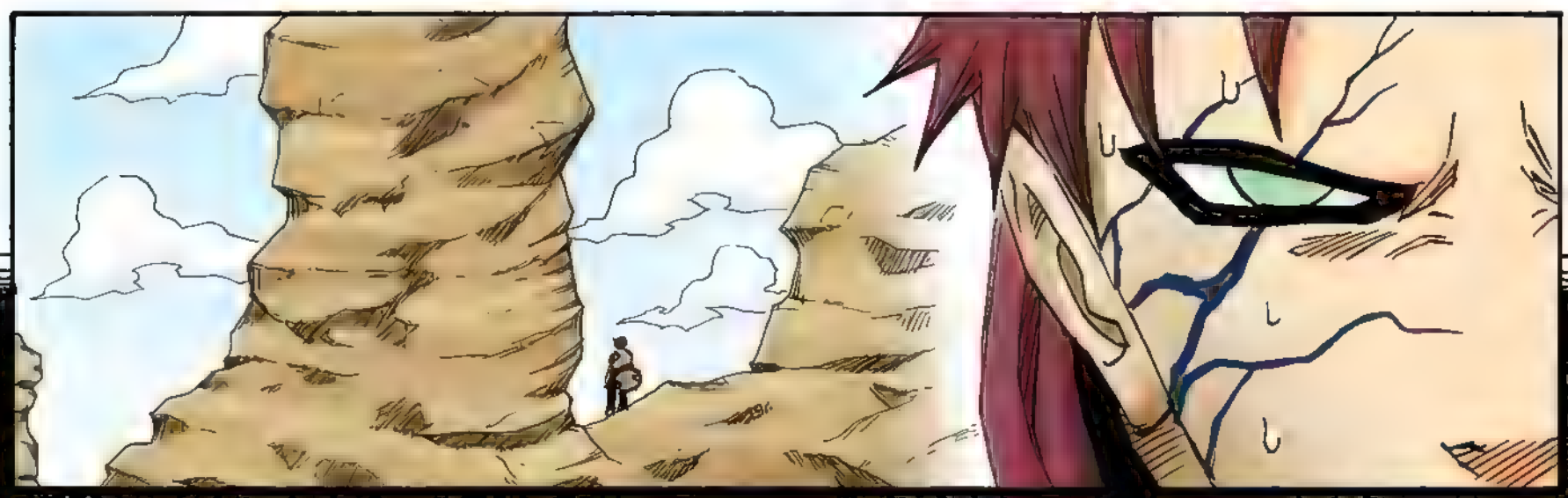
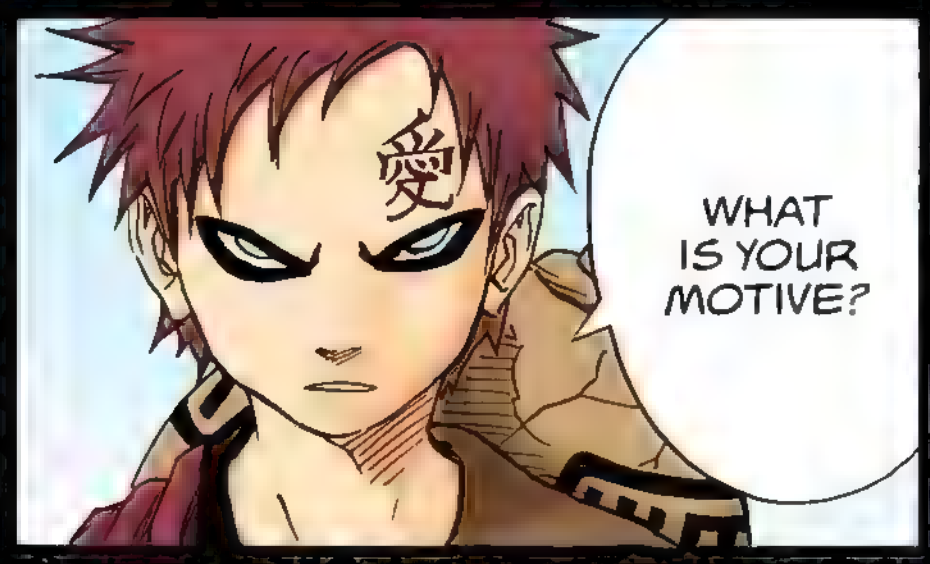
I WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU REALLY ARE...

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WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE?

WHY DO YOU SEEK STRENGTH?

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GET LOST... YOU'RE IN THE WAY OF MY TRAINING!!

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS...

YOU'RE LIKE ME...

EYES FULL AND SPILLING OVER WITH HATRED AND INTENT TO KILL...

YOU'VE GOT EYES JUST LIKE MINE...

YOU'RE MY PREY.

DO NOT FORGET THAT...

YOU WHO ARE STRONG... WHO ARE CALLED UCHIHA... WHO HAVE FRIENDS...

AND HAVE A PURPOSE... JUST... LIKE ME...

AND I CAN FEEL ALIVE!!

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AND THEN I WILL TRULY EXIST...

I'LL ERASE ALL OF THAT...

BY KILLING YOU...

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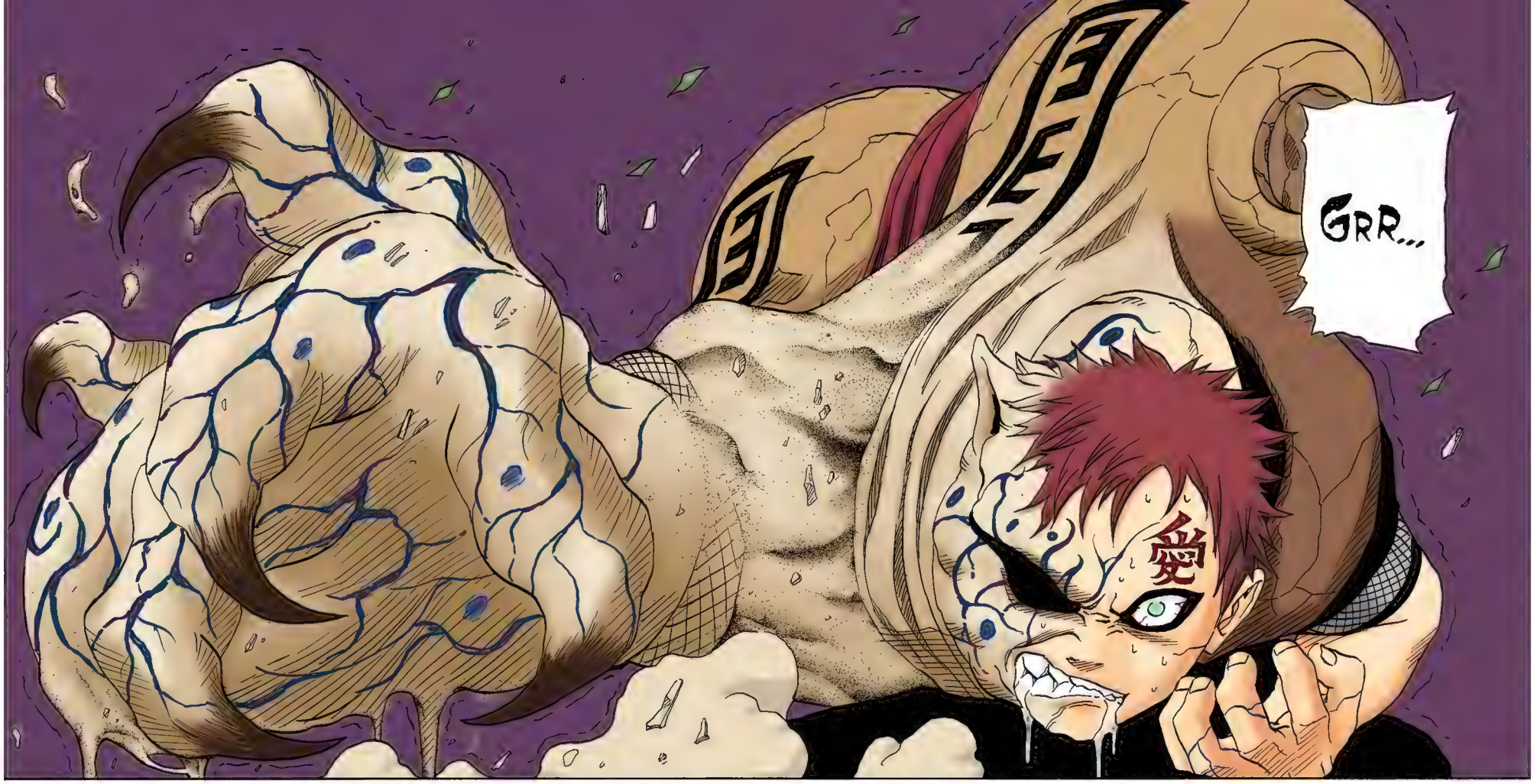

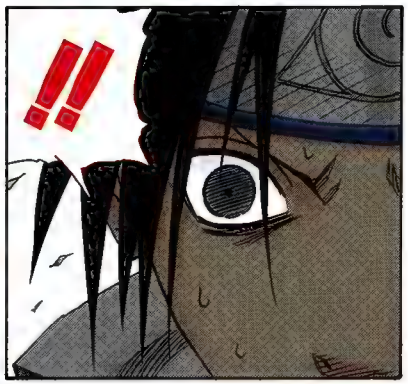

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...I DON'T THINK I'LL BE FINISHED BEFORE YOU COME TO HELP ME, AFTER ALL...

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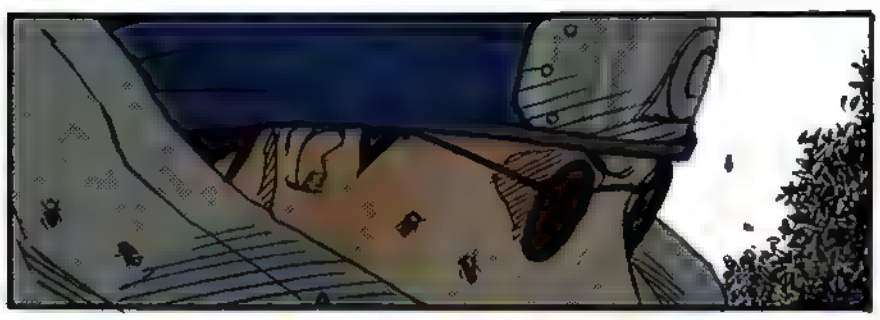

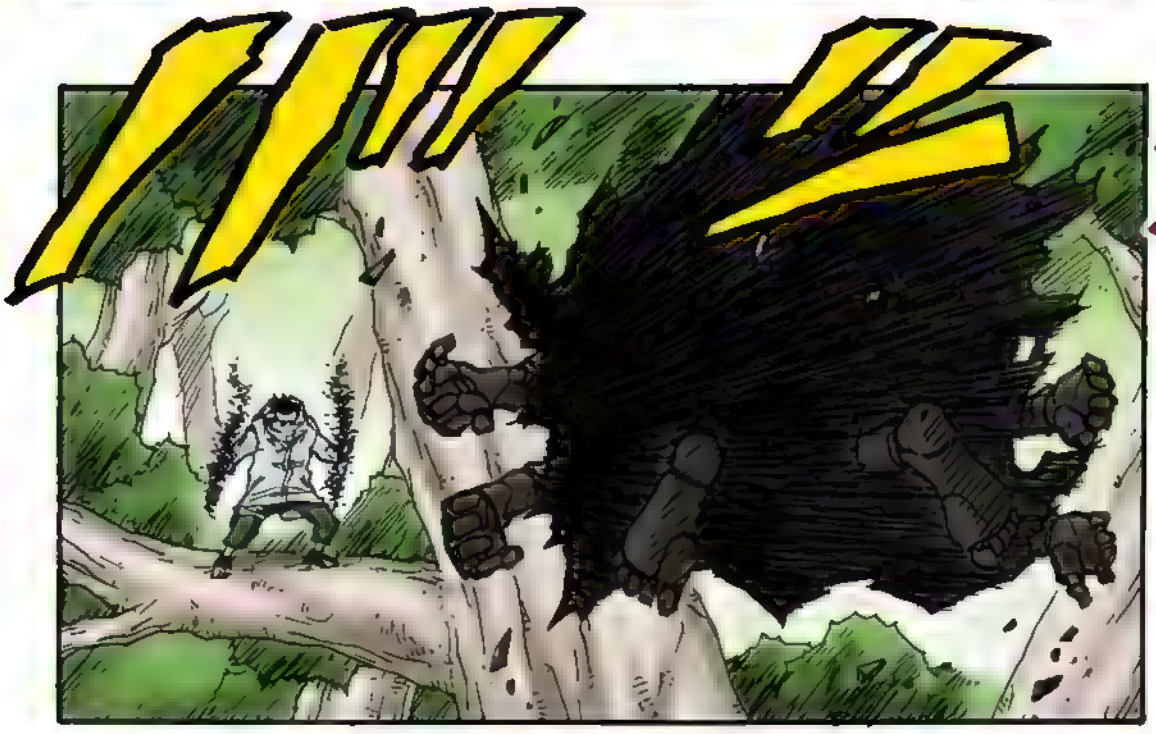
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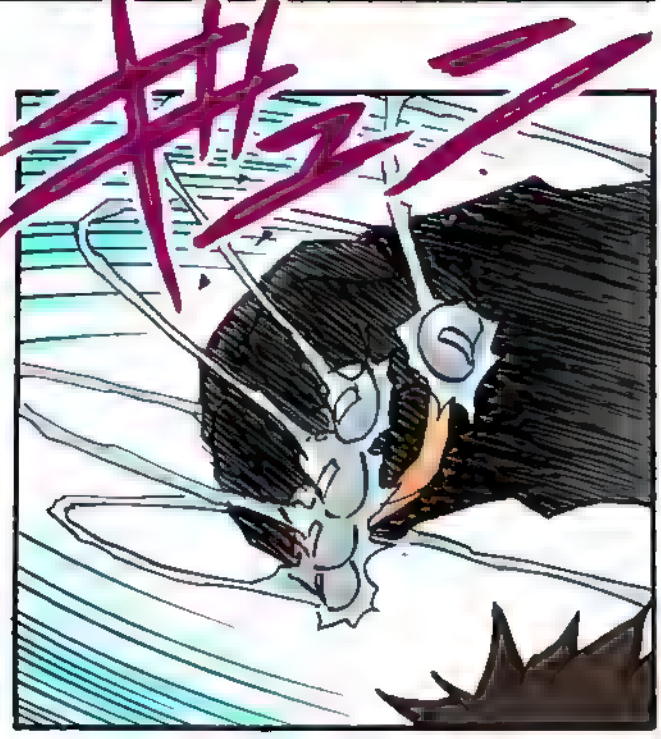
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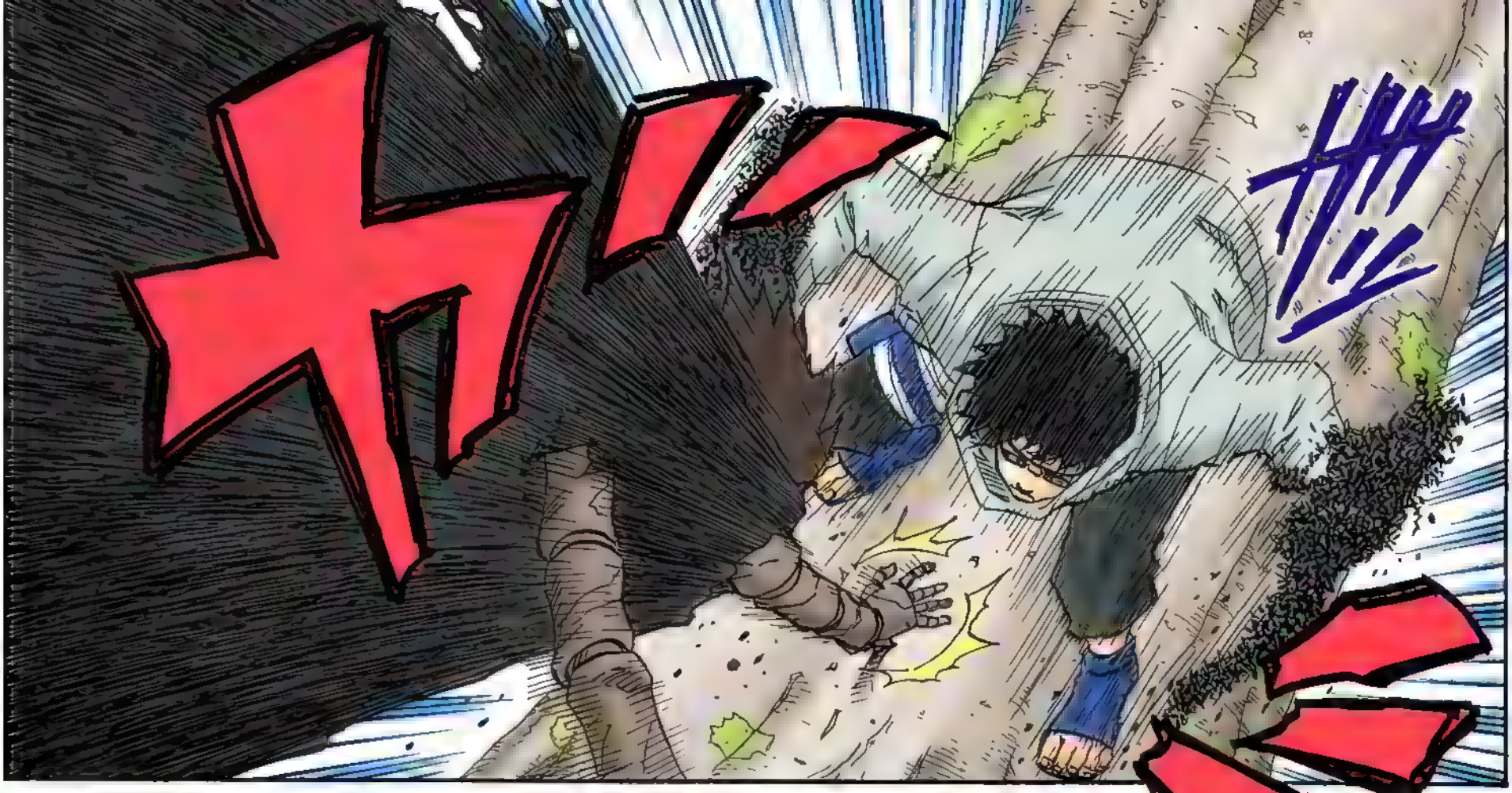

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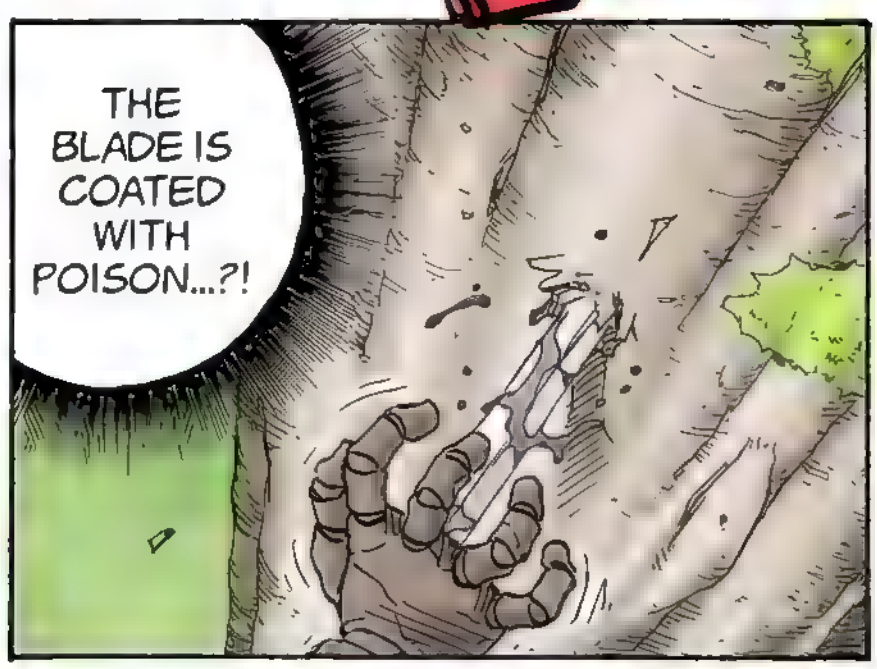
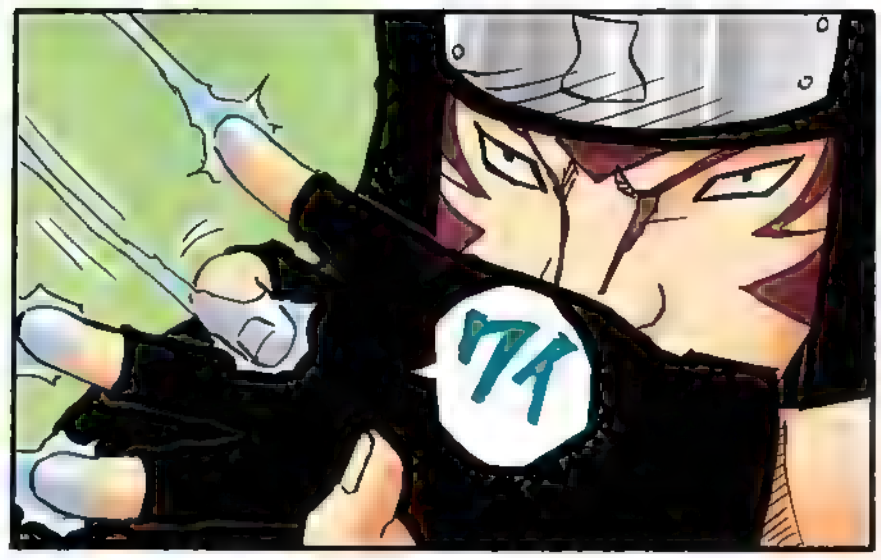

THE BLADE IS COATED WITH POISON...?!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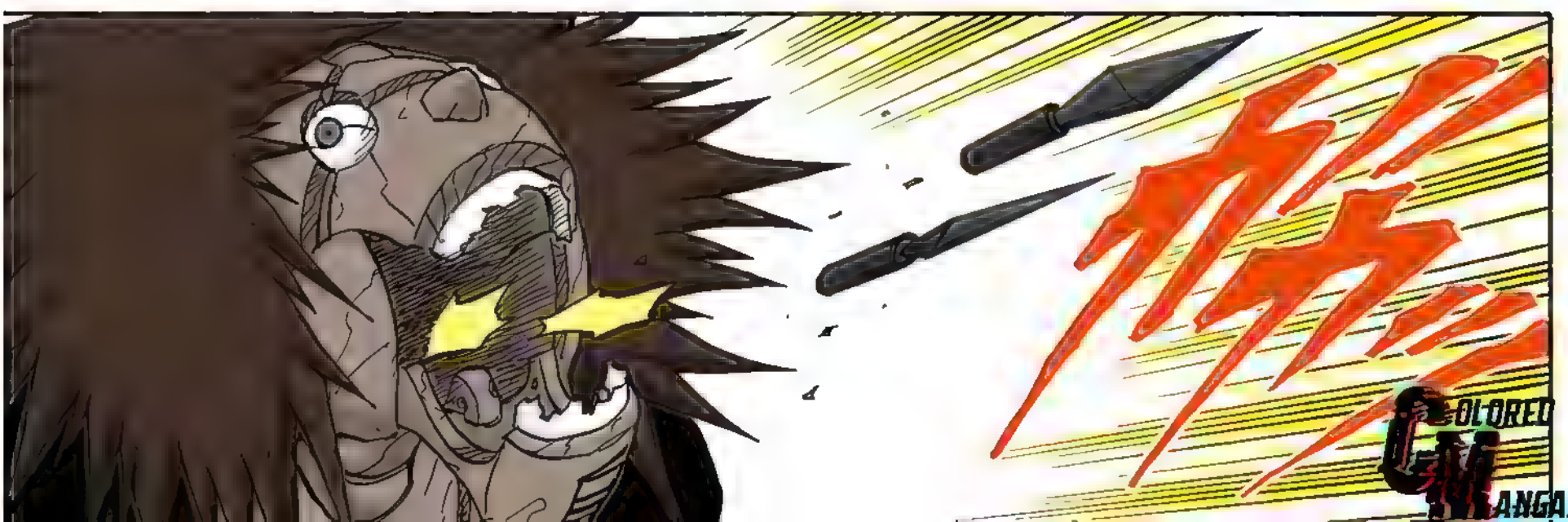
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BEETLES?!

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GOOD MOVE, MAKING A DOPPEL-GANGER USING YOUR BEETLES...

AND THEN CIRCLING BEHIND ME!

I JUDGED YOU TO BE WEAK AT CLOSE-RANGE BATTLES.

YOU'RE A PUPPET-USING MID- TO LONG-DISTANCE FIGHTING TYPE.

THAT PUPPET MASTER TECH-NIQUE OF YOURS REQUIRES YOU TO CONCENTRATE ON OPERATING THE PUPPET...

...MAKING IT EASIER FOR OPENINGS TO BE FOUND IN THE MASTER'S DEFENSES...

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NOW YOU'LL SEE WHAT KARASU CAN REALLY DO!

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HOWEVER, I'M NOW GOING TO SHOW YOU THE FUNDAMENTAL BATTLE TECHNIQUES USING THIS NINJUTSU!

YOU'RE PRETTY SMART...! KNOWING A PUPPET MASTER'S WEAK POINT!

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I'VE INHALED A BIT...

Pop

...THIS IS A POISON SMOKE BOMB...!!

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I SEE... AND THE CASTER HAS NOW HIDDEN HIMSELF, HUH...

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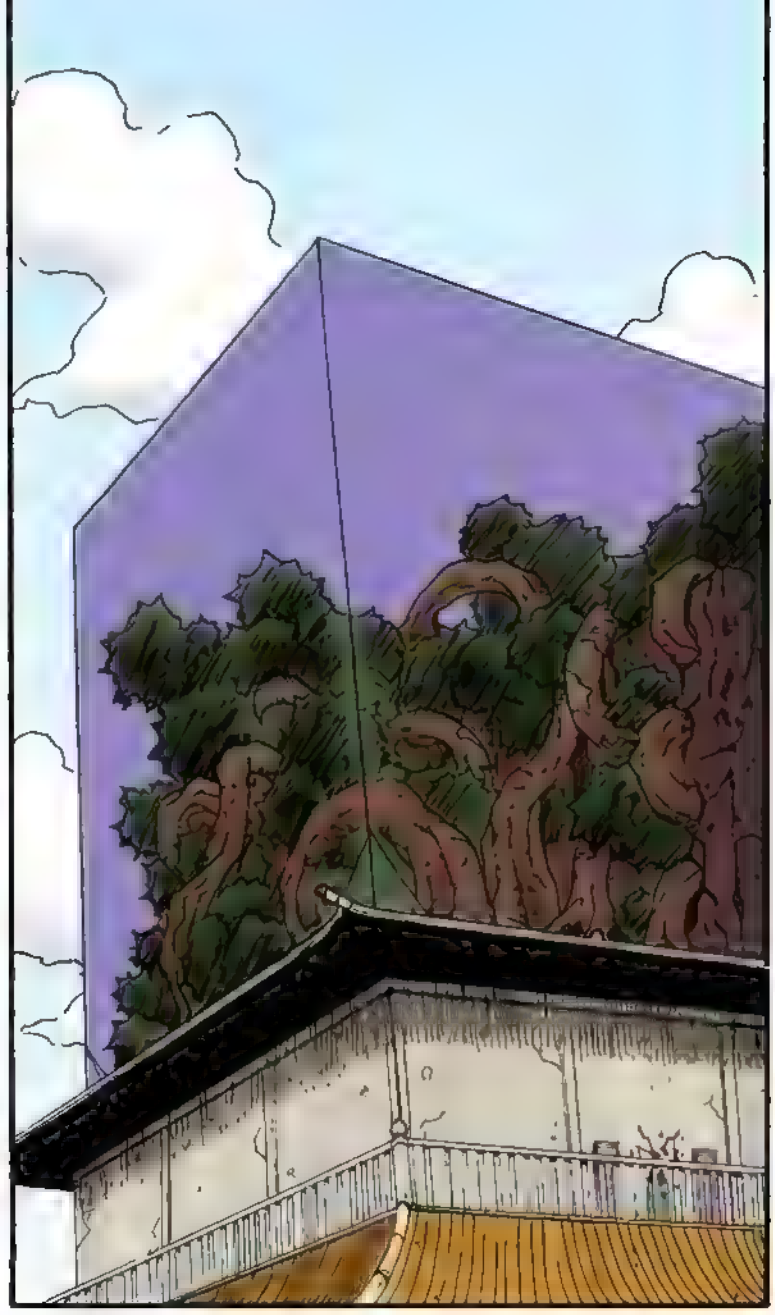

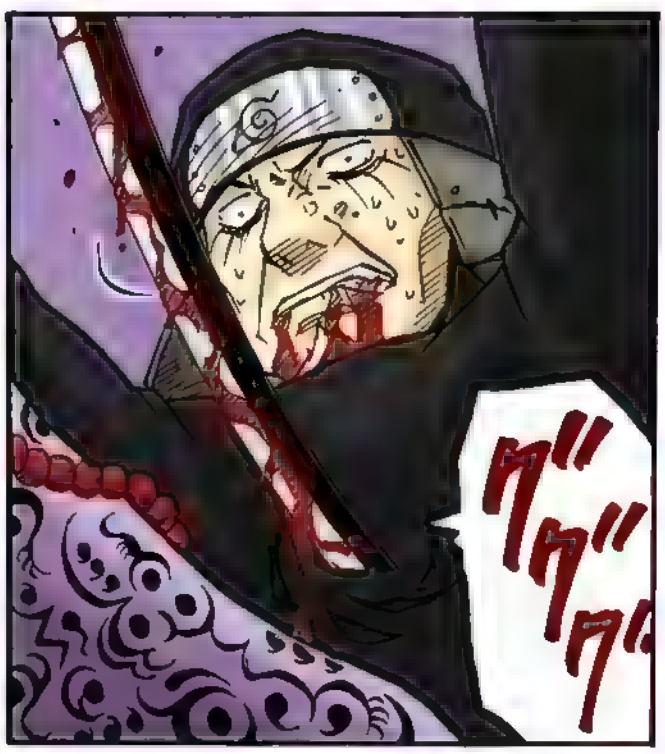

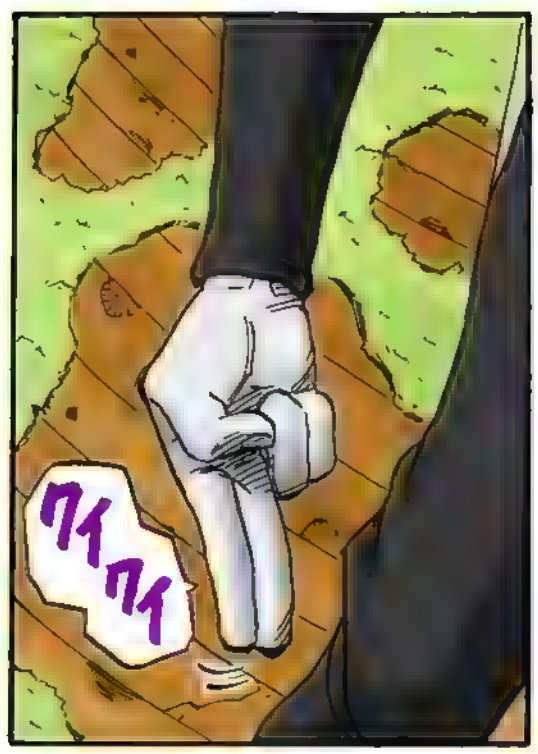

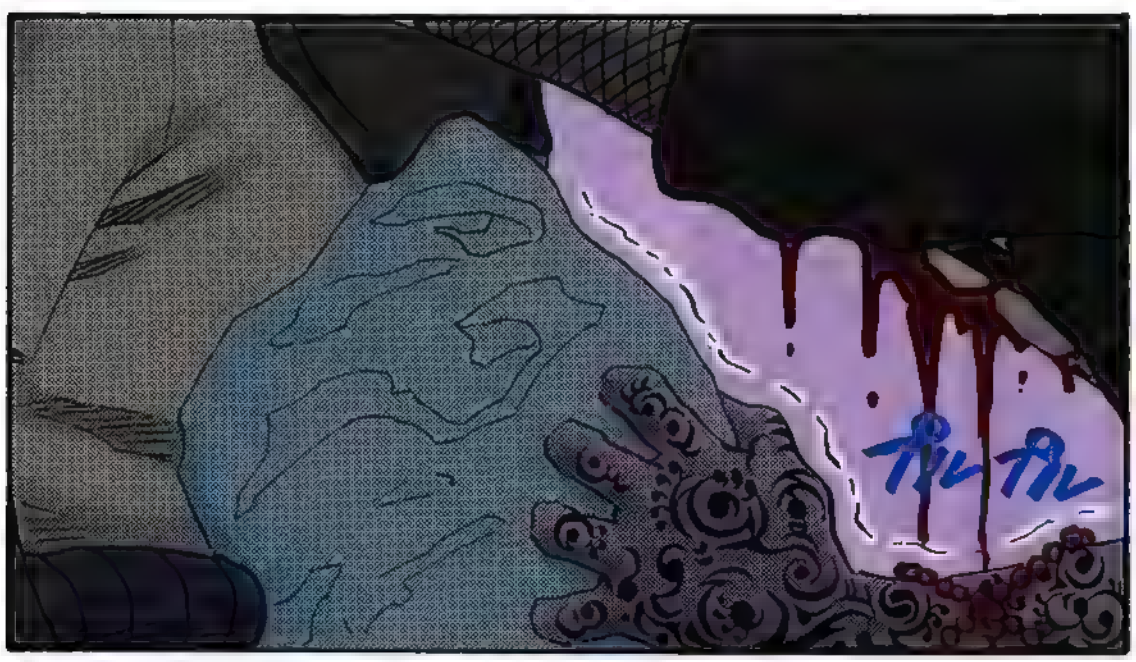

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...ARE YOU SAYING... I DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH...

...TO PULL OUT HIS SOUL...?

THIS CAN'T BE IT... I'VE COME SO FAR...

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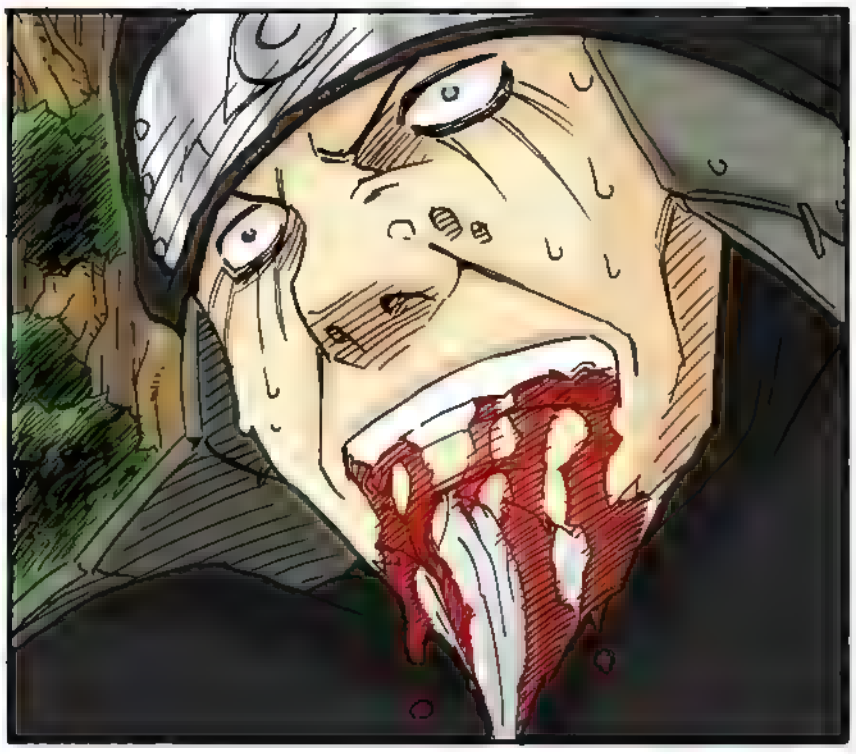
THAT THIS AGED BODY... IS TOO DECREPIT, EVEN THOUGH I HAVE RESOLVED TO DIE...?!

IF YOU HAD BEEN EVEN JUST 10 YEARS YOUNGER... YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KILL ME HEH HEH...



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YOUR JÔNIN AND CHÛNIN INSTRUCTORS WILL PROTECT YOU, EVEN AT THE COST OF OUR OWN LIVES!!

LISTEN UP...

ALL OF YOU, EVEN IF ENEMY SHINOBI SHOW UP, DO NOT PANIC. JUST KEEP PROCEEDING QUICKLY TO THE INNER SHELTERS!

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Hunh?!

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...HOW OMINOUS...

A FISSURE SPLITTING ACROSS THE THIRD HOKAGE'S STONE PORTRAIT...

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UHG... I CAN'T MOVE HIM... THAT FELLOW MUST HAVE PACKED HIS BEETLES INTO KARASU'S JOINTS...

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I SEE NOW, HIS BEETLES FEED ON CHAKRA...

THE BEETLES ARE TRAVELING DOWN THE CHAKRA STRINGS...

HE VOLUNTARILY SEVERED HIS CHAKRA STRINGS...!! NOW...

UGH... AT THIS RATE, MY LOCATION WILL BE REVEALED...!

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...EACH AND EVERY PART OF HIS BODY FROM HEAD TO TOE... HAVE WEAPONS CONCEALED WITHIN THEM HE'S A RIGGED PUPPET!!

HEH... CAUGHT YOU OFF GUARD! IT'S MERE CHILD'S PLAY FOR A FIRST RATE PUPPET MASTER TO REATTACH SEVERED CHAKRA STRINGS.

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DIE!!

THE NEE-DLE'S COA-TED WITH POI-SON..

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THE CHAKRA STRINGS HAVE BEEN CHEWED OFF...?!

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HOW DID BEETLES GET ON MY HAND...?!

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WAAAH!!

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THEY'VE BEEN ON THE MOVE THIS WHOLE TIME... AIMING FOR YOUR HEADBAND...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DROPPED HIS GUARD... THE BEETLES CRAWLING DOWN YOUR CHAKRA STRINGS WERE DECOYS SO THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE THE OTHERS CREEPING UP BEHIND YOU...

WHAT THE...?!! HOW... WHERE DID ALL THESE BEETLES COME FROM...?!!

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...WH-
...WHAT?!

BUT... HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO TELL MY LOCATION FROM JUST THIS ONE BUG...?

I HATE EXPLAINING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER.

THAT FIRST SWING I TOOK AT YOU... YOU THOUGHT I MISSED...

BUT I WAS ATTACHING A BEETLE TO YOU...

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THEN... THIS BEETLE ON MY HEADBAND...

...THE MALE OF THE SAME SPECIES CAN STILL DETECT IT...

EVEN THOUGH IT IS ALMOST ODORLESS...

BEFORE YOU LEFT THE ARENA, I HAD MY BEETLES MARK YOU WITH A FEMALE SCENT.

DON'T TELL ME...

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THAT'S RIGHT...

SHE'S A FEMALE...

...UCHIHA SASUKE...

...IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO HELP YOU... SORRY ...

IT'S THE POISON FROM THE SMOKE BOMB..

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